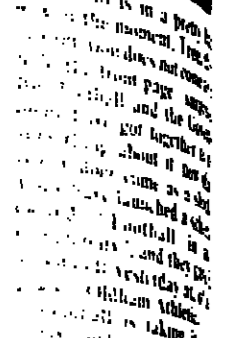


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Growth ahead There are signs of renewed economic growth despite recent gloomy forecasts

Journalist plea Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist held in Moscow, does not want the US to swap him for the suspected Soviet spy

Crowded skies A US air traffic controller said it was a miracle there were not more collisions in the overcrowded skies of Los Angeles

Jenkins storm The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, faces renewed controversy from a group of North-east clergymen

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Row over Militant collection

Members of the Militant Tendency among the 1,189 delegates attending the Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton have been ordered to donate £50 out of their week's expenses

Babies 'die because of NHS cuts'

Doctors are being told to allow very small premature babies to die because treatment is too expensive, a child specialist claimed last night

Prince tells of teaching needs

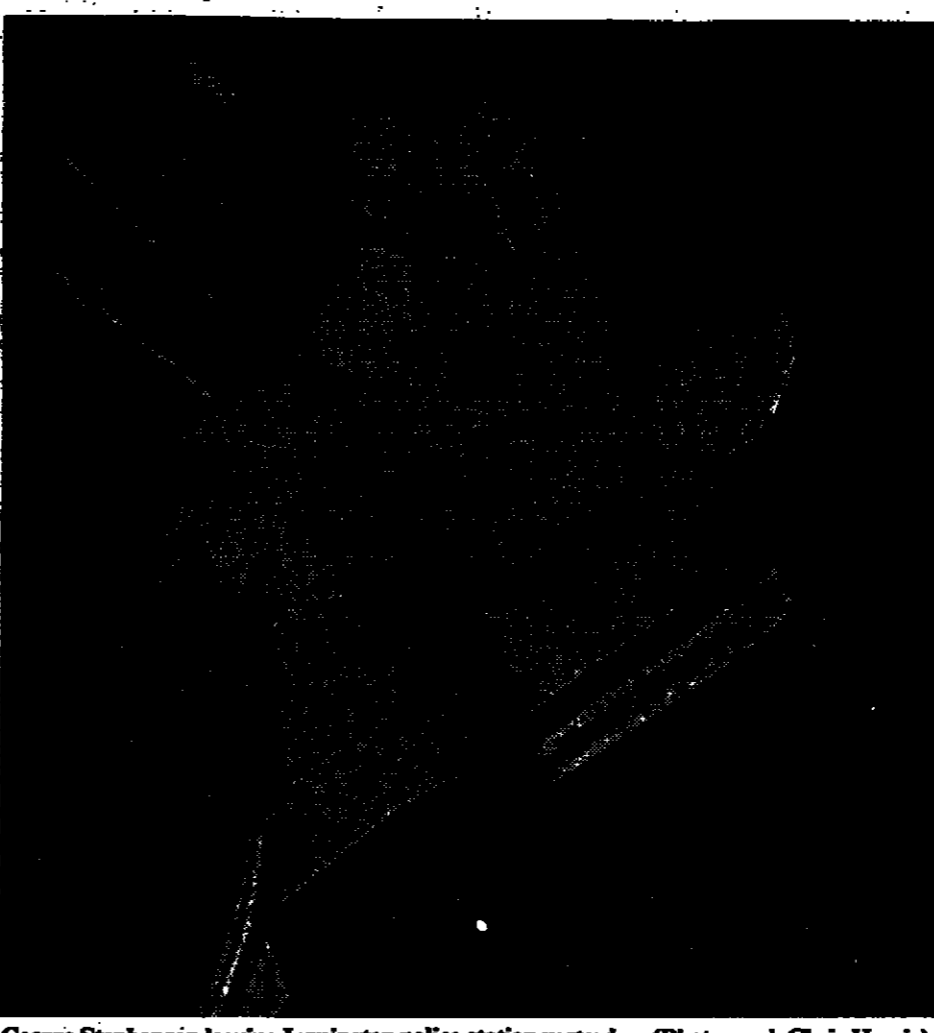
The Prince of Wales, above, told an audience of 18,000 academics and former Harvard students at the opening of the celebration of the university's 350th anniversary

Heroin and drink mix killed Olivia Channon

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded yesterday for Miss Olivia Channon, aged 22, daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who died from heroin and alcohol after celebrating the end of her exams at Oxford University

£115m loss at Lloyd's

Lloyd's of London, the world's largest insurer, suffered trading losses of £115 million on its insurance activities, according to the annual accounts published yesterday



George Stephenson leaving Lynton police station yesterday. (Photograph Chris Harris)

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George Stephenson, the former servant wanted by murder squad detectives investigating the five Hampshire country house killings, gave himself up yesterday

Disaster skippers held in custody

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Law chief is in favour of prosecution appeals for 'lenient' sentences

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Campaign against Drinking and Driving has disclosed letters from Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, saying the prosecution should have the right of appeal against sentences which seem to be over-lenient. The campaign quotes Lord Lane as saying Britain was one of the few countries in the Commonwealth which did not allow it. "Until that power is given to the Court of Appeal, inevitably some judges pass sentences which are far too lenient."

Invisible MP

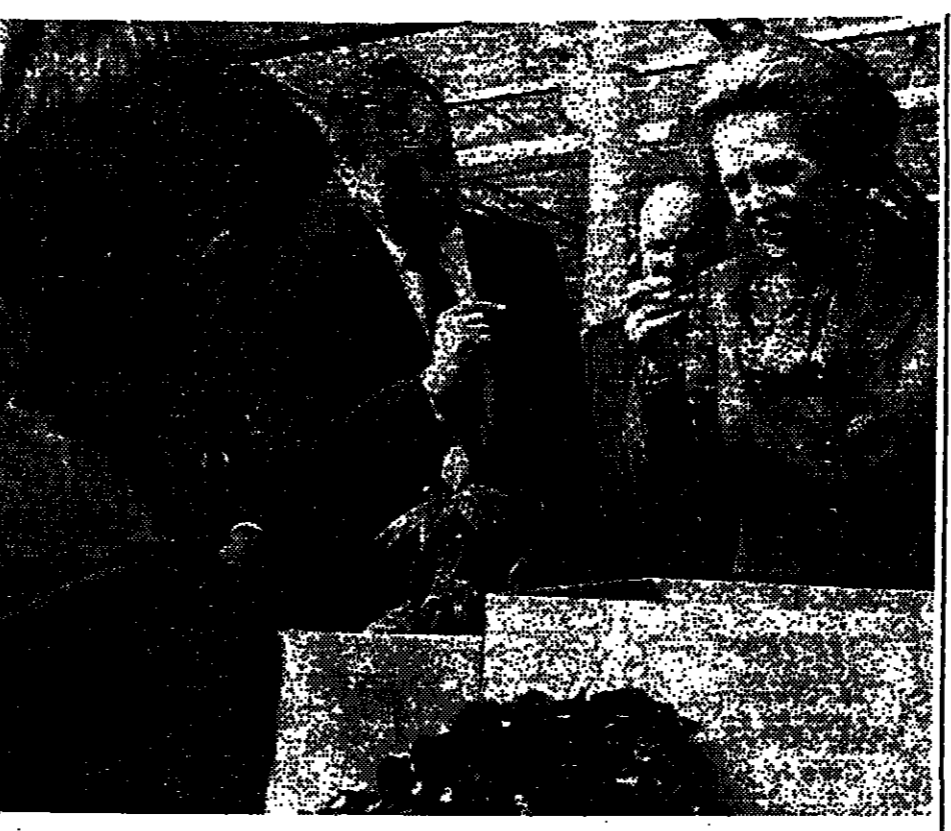
Welwyn keen for next election

By George Hill

Impatience for the next general election is growing among the electors at Welwyn Hatfield, the constituency with the invisible MP. The sitting member, Mr Christopher Murphy, aged 39, has not been seen in his constituency since March, when he announced that he would not be seeking re-election. Local Tory Party workers received a message yesterday effectively handing over his social duties to Mr David Evans, aged 51, his prospective successor. In theory, Mr Murphy could draw his £20,140 MP's salary for nearly two years before the next election, although he seems to be doing only part of his job. Since February he has not held a local surgery and he has spoken only briefly in the House on four occasions. "We send individual messages from constituents to his office at Westminster and we have not had any complaints here that he has not dealt with their problems", the local Tory agent, Mr Scott Chapman, said yesterday.

Irish bar on Libyan students

The Irish government is to refuse entry to Libyan students because of Libyan support for the IRA. Government officials said yesterday that the decision was taken in July after reports that Libyan leaders had told European politicians that Libya was renewing support for the IRA. The Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi, said yesterday in an interview in Harare, Zimbabwe, that he supported the IRA but did not plan to provide it with arms, Irish radio reported. About 300 Libyans studying in the Irish Republic will be allowed to complete their courses. Some are being trained by the Irish state airline, Aer Lingus. The Irish action follows a declaration by Colonel Gaddafi's deputy, Major Abdel-Salam Jalloud, to a group of West German visitors in June that Libya supported the IRA. "We received certain assurances from the Libyans but did not get a formal retraction of that statement," an official source said.



Mrs Thatcher at Lady Haig Poppy Factory, Powderhall, Edinburgh, talking to former soldiers who make poppies.

Scuffle at Nirex dump site

By Trudi McIntosh

A man aged 61 and two women were involved in a scuffle with four security guards outside a warehouse at the proposed nuclear dump site at Elstow, Bedfordshire, yesterday. Mr Jim Eldridge, a member of Bedfordshire Against Nuclear Dumping, said that the guards picked up the two women protesters and threw them to the ground when they were changing shifts before 8am. He also alleged that the guards, employed by the contractors to protect drilling equipment stored at the warehouse, punched Mr Percy Cox, aged 61, who lives in the neighbouring village of Wilstead, in the stomach. "We believe the action by the security guards was unlawful for they were not called for by the protesters, and to react against such older, trailer people is unreasonable", Mr Eldridge said.

Nuclear protest

Bradwell-on-Sea in Essex.

Nirex would bring High Court injunctions within the next fortnight at all sites, if access continued to be barred. Five Fulbeck protesters joined others from the British Opposed to Nuclear Dumping (BOND) group outside the Trades Union Congress in Brighton yesterday. The Government research laboratory at Harwell is being asked for its views over plans to dump mercury-contaminated sludge from the River Yare on land at Thorpe, Norwich. It is estimated about nine miles of the river are contaminated. Norfolk County Council is calling for the assessment because of local concern. The county surveyor, Mr Ian Corsie, said that only some of the material would be contaminated and the mercury was expected to be within the EEC limits.

Man charged over stolen US cheques

An unemployed man has been charged with trying to cash some of several million dollars' worth of US Treasury cheques stolen in the United States. Jamaluddin Khan, aged 52, of Drayton Road, Harlesden, north-west London, was bailed until Thursday. Mr Khan was charged with dishonestly assisting in the disposal of stolen and forged US Treasury cheques.

Charlie Nicholas guilty of 'cowardly' assault

Arsenal and Scotland footballer Charlie Nicholas committed "a nasty, arrogant and cowardly" assault on a young woman in a dispute over a bag of chips, a judge ruled yesterday. Miss Lori McElroy, aged 28, who claimed the soccer star hit her twice in the face while on holiday in Ibiza, was awarded £1,331 damages by Judge Denis McDonnell at Westminster County Court. "I am a sufficiently old-fashioned to think that it's a particularly nasty thing for a man to strike a woman, particularly an athletic man," he told Mr Nicholas. The judge described as "a whole pack of lies" a claim by a witness called by Mr Nicholas that he was the one who struck Miss McElroy, a post-graduate student at Glasgow College of Art. Miss McElroy told the court the incident happened after she and her former boyfriend, Mr Brendan Murphy, aged 25, left a bar in San Antonio and went to buy some chips. As they stood eating, Mr Nicholas, aged 24, of High Point, North Hill, Highgate, north London, reached over Mr Murphy's shoulder and took a chip. Her boy friend turned and said: "I might have known, it's Charlie Nicholas." She said that after Mr Murphy identified Mr Nicholas she turned to him and said: "We are not impressed, so why don't you go and pester someone else?" She said: "I was about to turn away thinking that was the end of the incident when I felt a hard slap on the right hand side of my face." Counsel asked: "Who slapped you?" She replied: "Charles Nicholas." She added: "Before I got a chance to move away I saw his other hand coming up to the other side of my face. I put my hand up to defend myself but I still got a blow on the left hand side of my face underneath my left ear." She said Mr Murphy was also attacked in the incident and suffered fractured ribs, cuts and bruises to his face, and a black eye.

Putting the boots in Yomping test for Marines

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

Four years after the Falklands conflict, which re-introduced trench foot to the public mind as a hazard of war, the Armed Forces are still trying to get their boots right. In the boggy ground of the Falklands, soldiers and Royal Marines found that their ankle-high boots left their feet constantly wet and cold. Some developed trench foot, which is distantly related to frostbite. But relief was at hand. The Army had been working on a new boot, known as the combat high boot, which reached up to the calf. Some were shipped out to the Falklands, but the fighting ended before they could be issued. These boots are now standard issue, but already the Army has produced, though not yet issued, a "mark two" version, and the Royal Marines suspect that the new boot is giving rise to more stress fractures and other injuries among recruits. So now instructors at the Royal Marines base at Lympstone, near Exmouth, are using four groups of Royal Marines, two groups wearing the high boot and two groups wearing the old boot, to monitor the incidence of injury and see whether it is worse with the high boot. Next week Prince Edward will be resuming his training with the Royal Marines, and is expected to wear the high boot. The Royal Marines' boot is virtually identical to the Army boot, the only difference being that the Royal Marines' boot has a sole that is screwed on and is more suitable for moun-

World Chess Championship

Russians trying to emulate London

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Leningrad

After 12 games in London the World Chess Championship has transferred to Leningrad, where the contrasts with London are in some ways extreme. In other ways great efforts have been made to emulate the innovations developed at the Park Lane Hotel for the first half of the contest. It is striking for example, that the whole match and facilities are centred in the Hotel Leningrad - a contrast with earlier matches in Moscow, where those trying to report on the contest or officiating at it were often a great distance from the playing venue. The Leningrad organizers have taken immense pains to communicate the games and explain the moves to the public. For the first time, emulating The Times commentary room in London, a lecture hall has been set up where grandmasters will explain the champions' strategies. The press room is a great leap forward from the spare theatre corridor offered to

Average Briton 'is underpaid'

A British company attempting to establish a sales office in Rome would have to pay its sales manager £47,092 a year to equal the earnings of his Italian counterpart, according to a report published yesterday. In its report, the Confederation of British Industry says this makes Italy one of the most expensive countries in Western Europe in which to base sales operations. Sales Managers in France can expect to earn £39,354 a year, while in Britain a sales manager earning £18,000 a year would be considered to be well paid. In Portugal, however, sales managers rarely earn more than £8,420 a year, making them the lowest paid sales managers in Europe. The report also discloses variations in salaries for bilingual secretarial staff. The most highly paid secretaries are in Switzerland, where earnings often exceed £18,533 a year, about £10,000 more than the salaries commanded by bi-lingual secretaries in London. Switzerland is also the most expensive country in which to buy a domestic property. West European Living Costs (CBI Publication Sales, Centre Point, 193 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU; £21).

Women's magazine set to fold

Working Woman, the magazine for briefcase-toting, white-wine-sipping lady executives, suspended publication this week after losing more than £1 million. Its most recent proprietor, Mr Peter Cadbury, said he has lost £200,000 in five months and can't afford to go on supporting it. Working Woman has failed before. It was launched 18 months ago by Miss Audrey Slaughter, and was pitched to the top echelon of British women executives. At the time the idea was to emulate the success of the American magazine with the same name, but to do it with a British accent.

Students are cleared over violent picket

The Bristol University ruling council has quashed on a technicality sentences imposed on seven students for violently picketing Professor John Vincent. The students were disciplined for breaking university rules by taking part in violent picketing last spring. They were objecting against Professor Vincent's alleged racism and sexism in weekly articles he writes for The Sun. During the picketing Professor Vincent was jeered, booed, and had manure thrown at him on his way to lectures. Another 11 students were cleared by a disciplinary panel set up by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir John Kingman. The seven were all found guilty and variously fined, suspended and ordered to do community service. But yesterday the university council over-ruled the panel on appeal and quashed the sentences.

Militant chief 'not member of Labour'

Mr Tony Byrne, Militant chairman of Liverpool City Council's finance committee, is not a paid-up member of the ruling Labour Party and now faces a ban from future local party meetings. A three-month search of constituency files has found no record of his name, said Mr Eddie Sabino, chairman of the Mossley Hill constituency, where Mr Byrne claimed to be a member. Correction: An article on June 9 about racial attitudes in the Army said the Army had claimed that a battalion criticized for discrimination had a black lieutenant, three black senior non-commissioned officers and other black NCOs and soldiers. The Army has acknowledged that this information was out of date. Slightly more than half of the battalion's approximately 20 black riflemen have been promoted to corporal or lance corporal, but at present it has no black senior NCOs or officers.

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# IS BRITAIN ABOUT TO CHOOSE AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM THAT'S ALREADY OUT OF DATE?

Of all the complicated issues involved in the choice of Britain's Airborne Early Warning System, there's one that's especially confusing.

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Which radar frequency will give Britain the most effective protection, not just for the present, but into the future?

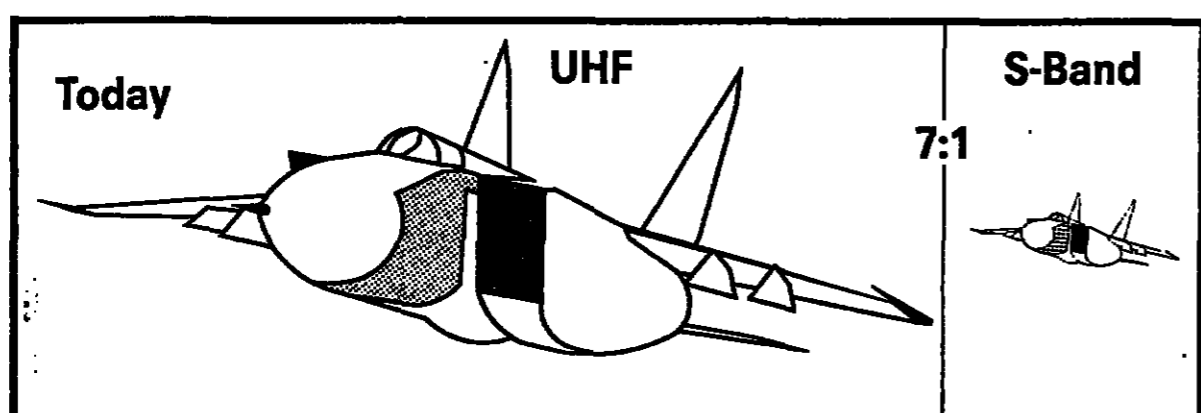
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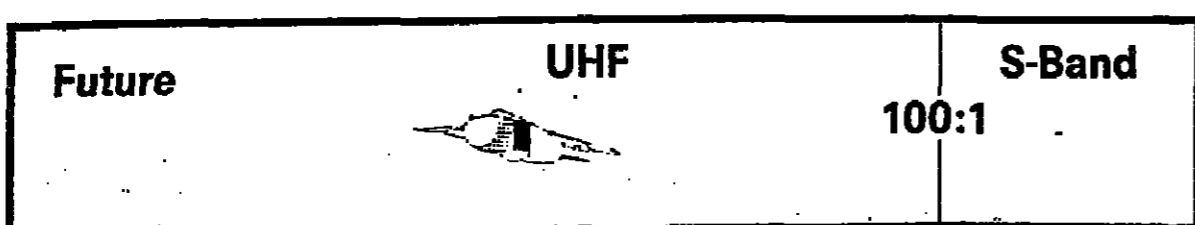


2. Radar interference, or 'Clutter', especially from the sea, (the main area of the UK application), is significantly less on UHF which means that targets not only appear larger than on S-Band but are also more distinct.

3. UHF is superior to S-Band in rejecting road traffic 'Clutter'.

4. Recent tests carried out by the Ministry of Defence have also concluded that a UHF system causes no discernible interference with ground installations.

5. THE INABILITY OF S-BAND TO COPE WITH THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF 'STEALTH' MISSILE DESIGNS WILL MEAN THAT IN 10 YEARS TIME THE CURRENT RADAR CROSS-SECTION ADVANTAGE OF UHF WILL HAVE INCREASED FROM 7:1 TO 100:1.



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The weight of evidence in favour of a UHF based system is compelling. Although it can be claimed that S-Band is adequate in meeting today's requirements, its performance is surpassed by UHF.

As for the future, that lies with UHF.

A fact that has already been recognised by the United States Navy, Japan, Israel and, significantly, the USSR.

Unless it is content with an Airborne Early Warning System that is already out of date, it is a fact that must also be recognised by Britain.

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University reform call to provide technical expertise for industry

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A fundamental reorganization of universities was proposed yesterday by Professor John Ashworth, a former chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet and vice-chancellor of Salford University.

The pattern of industry in Britain has become distorted by the methods used by the Ministry of Defence in spending £8.3 billion a year on electronics, aerospace and other high technology equipment, the British Association was told yesterday.

identified and attracted to the scholarly life, universities had ensured that their academic values had become the dominant ones in secondary as well as higher education.

Food aid is treated as slush fund, Oxfam say

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Most official food aid sent to the world's poorest countries should be stopped, because it is often used as a "slush fund" by governments and does not benefit the people, an official of Oxfam said yesterday.



Professor Speeding (left) and Mr Jackson at yesterday's conference, which heard appeals for long-term food aid to developing countries in spite of political manipulations.

counter-productive because it amounted to direct competition for millions of struggling peasant farmers and could force them out of work.

which enabled help to reach victims of famine or drought were "noble and decent things which we should be proud of and which should be supported," he said.

hungry people were fed, he said. "People are hungry because they are poor. Apart from disasters, no one who has money is ever hungry."

Teenage girls worry over risk of divorce

By Our Science Correspondent

Teenage girls are deeply anxious about unemployment, childbirth and the risk of marriage ending in divorce, according to a survey published yesterday.

Animals 'equally clever'

By Our Science Editor

Parrots and pigeons are as intelligent as chimpanzees, porpoises and dolphins, according to Dr Euan MacPhail, a senior research psychologist at York University.

Engineers pay tribute to Brunel

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Engineers in Bristol yesterday celebrated a double anniversary of one of their most famous predecessors, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Police 'in conflict' with the public

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

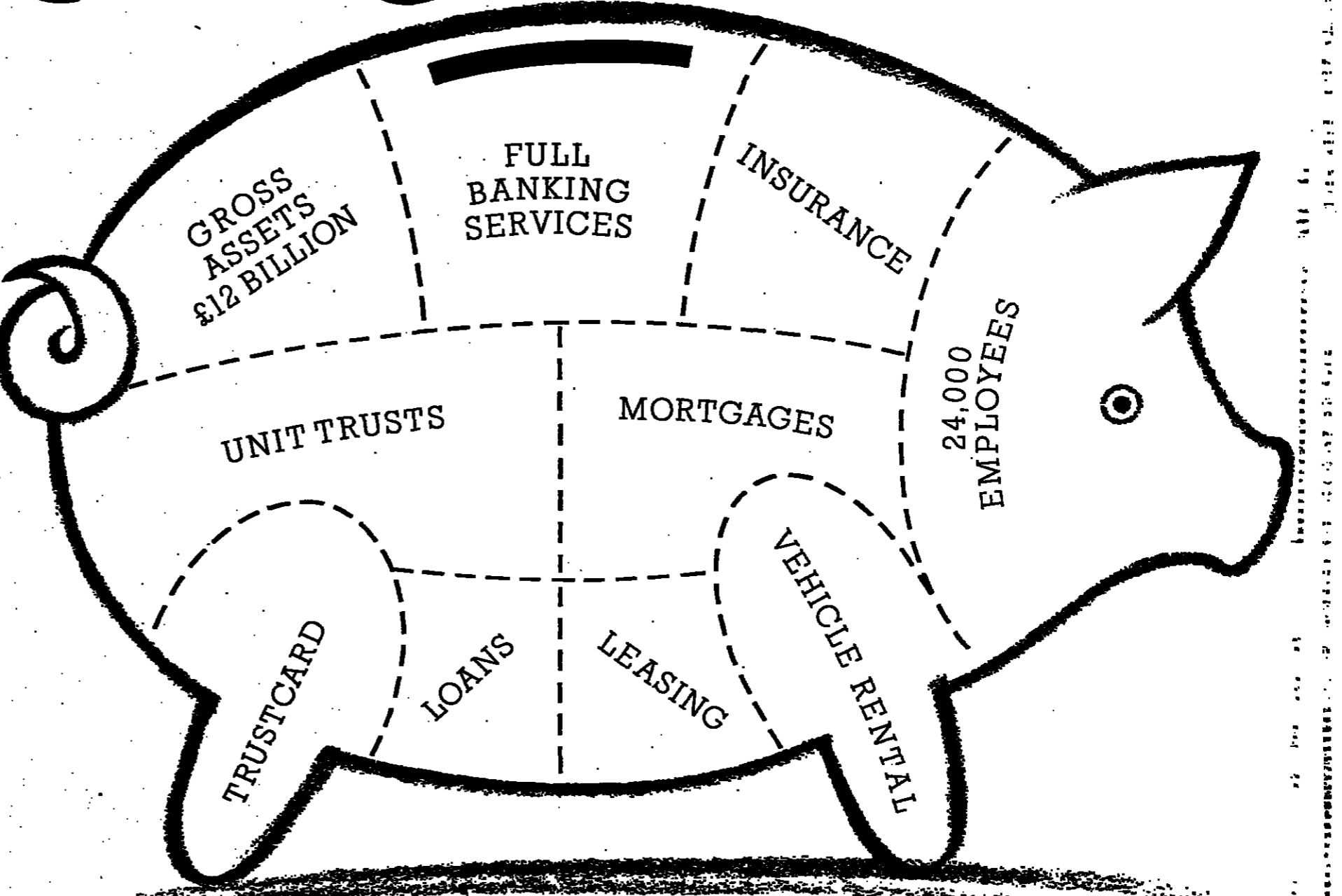
British police are engaged in the most hostile conflict with large sections of the public for more than 150 years, a sociologist said yesterday.

A gulf has developed between police attitudes and educated middle class people with opinions on issues such as political protest, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and gay rights.



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# Gadaffi walks out on 'traitors'

From A Correspondent, Harare

Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, last night flew out of Harare after causing consternation at the Non-Aligned Movement's summit by declaring that it had become "an international farce" and that some of its states were "spies and traitors".

In his attack the colonel embraced more than half the 101 member states, including his Zimbabwean hosts, when he declared that membership of the organization was incompatible with membership of the Commonwealth, the Francophone community, or

Rome - Mr Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy, had "friendly" talks on terrorism yesterday with Siyona Betino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, in contrast to his tense last visit on the eve of the US bombing of Libya. (Peter Nichols writes).

with diplomatic recognition of Israel, the United States or Britain.

Dressed melodramatically in black and blood-red robes with a white cloak, he called on radical states of the Third World to reject the goals of laid-down world peace and instead arm themselves for a collective fight against imperialism. He envisaged allies in this fight to be the forces of the Warsaw Pact.

"I am ready to form an international force. I shall spread the troops of this force over all the continents of the world so as to spread fire under the feet of America," he declared.

But he then acknowledged: "Unfortunately, the backward imperialist mentality has at its

disposal all the means of destruction due to their usurpation of our riches.

"I say to you there is no possibility of dialogue between us and these forces."

Colonel Gadaffi's speech was punctuated by chanting from a group of Libyan women positioned behind the lectern.

The colonel sounded a threatening note when he upbraided Egypt and Jordan for failing to allow their soil to be used for attacks on Israel, adding: "If they give me these bases tomorrow, I will destroy Israel's nuclear reactor, which will annihilate the whole region."

Delegates in the auditorium, and even Commonwealth and Eastern bloc journalists watching the proceedings on television monitors outside, found it increasingly difficult to take him seriously as he continued his 65-minute diatribe.

There was unrestrained laughter when he announced: "I go now from here saying goodbye to this funny movement, farewell to this international falsehood, and I raise the motto of a world of two camps, a camp of liberation and a camp of imperialism. There is no place for neutralist non-alignment."

The movement's chairman, Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, drew greater applause than the colonel when he commented that not all present would agree that the movement had ceased to have a purpose or lost its vitality.

"We appreciate, however, the deep and emotional feelings embittered by recent acts of the United States," Mr Mugabe said.



Colonel Gadaffi, fist raised, giving America a tongue-lashing in his Harare summit speech.

"I think our brother must accept that this movement has provided him with quite a platform, to speak through the movement to the United States."

The Libyan leader disclosed that he had been holding talks here aimed at giving resources to the African National Congress to intensify its fight in South Africa.

After threatening repeatedly to walk out of the summit and saying he could not sit in the same hall as "spies and traitors", Colonel Gadaffi stayed on to hear President Ortega of Nicaragua predict there would be 2,640,000 casualties if the United States invaded his country in support of the Contra rebels.

# Spain's art treasures come out of hiding

From A Correspondent, Madrid

The incentive of a tax amnesty in Spain has brought to light 30,000 art treasures hidden for decades, if not centuries.

These include 80 paintings presumed to be the work of the prolific 18th-century Spanish artist Goya and 31 paintings by El Greco of Toledo, as well as works by the famous modern Spanish artists Joan Miró and Salvador Dalí.

In the Balearic Islands, declarations have been made of the existence of possible unknown works by Henry Moore, the British sculptor who died this week.

The authenticity of the different art works - which comprise furniture, tapestries, family book collections, religious vestments and jewellery, together with archaeological finds - will be verified by specialists.

The works will then be classified, and those of public cultural interest will be listed in the register of Spain's national patrimony.

The owner of an officially listed work of art is obliged to keep it in good condition and is forbidden to export it or to sell it to a non-Spanish resident.

Against this, an owner can benefit from tax advantages and government subsidies, for instance for insurance.

The purpose of the amnesty is to reduce Spain's once-flourishing black market for art works which has involved thefts and the smuggling abroad of Spanish paintings.

# Gaullist questions impartiality of French 'wise men'

From Diana Geddes, Paris

M Jacques Toubon, general secretary of the Gaullist RPR party, has questioned the political independence and impartiality of France's Council of State and its Constitutional Council.

His attack came only a few days before the Council of State delivers its judgement on the Government's disputed plans for redrawing the constituency boundaries.

With the apparent aim of discrediting in advance its views on the proposed constituencies, M Toubon accused it of being composed, in its upper echelons, entirely of "people with a strong political leaning which is not that of the present majority".

The Council of State is a supposedly independent quasi-judicial body, composed for the most part of men and women of all political persuasions who happen to come top of the final examinations of the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration, though the government of the day has the right to make a small number of direct appointments.

All government Bills and decrees must be submitted to it for advice. Its decisions are always collegiate. The Government is free to accept or reject its views.

M Toubon also attacked the Constitutional Council "for trying to take Parliament's place as the lawmaker... It is no longer what it is supposed to be, namely a kind of stimulating muse, inspiring the legislator, but rather a paralysing muse..."

"We must beware lest a kind of new legislator sets itself up above Parliament and the Government."

The Constitutional Council, which acts as a Supreme Court on all constitutional matters, consists of nine "wise men" - three appointed by the President, three by the Senate and three by the National Assembly president - appointed for a non-renewable nine-year term.

President Mitterrand's appointment in February of M Robert Badinter, the former Socialist Justice Minister, to be its president provoked a storm of accusations that the Socialists were trying to undermine its political independence. The majority of its members, however, remain right-wing appointees.

M Toubon's remarks seem to echo M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, who said in July that he respected the Constitutional Council and did not contest any of its decisions, but gave a warning against the development of a "government of judges".

However, M Denis Baudouin, the government spokesman, sought yesterday to play down M Toubon's remarks, which were described by one Socialist MP as a "wild and totally inadmissible diatribe unworthy of the secretary-general of a party which claims to respect republican principles".

"Everyone is getting a bit on edge over the new constituency boundaries," M Baudouin said.

### Interview with President Ershad

## Army role assured in democratic era

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

General Ershad, the military ruler of Bangladesh, is poised to become the country's third directly elected President in polls set for October 15.

In a 90-minute interview with *The Times* at his official residence inside the army headquarters in Dhaka's northern suburb, General Ershad, aged 56, talked about his 4½-year rule and his future plans.

"I don't see any real opposition in the coming elections," General Ershad, who retired from the Army last week and joined the official Jatiyo party, said.

Bangladeshis would have liked army rule to have been shorter. On many occasions they took to the streets in thousands shouting for democracy and joined noisy opposition rallies demanding an end to martial law.

But a divided Opposition which often quarrelled among itself failed to cash in on the unrest as General Ershad steadily built up his political base and brought back a measure of discipline in the armed forces, which during the past regime had staged at least 18 abortive coups.

"The Army is a disciplined force now, and I can assure you that there will be no further coups as long as I am there," General Ershad said.

The Government has announced plans to lift martial law after the presidential elec-

tions when the Parliament will be summoned to approve a Bill ratifying army rule. This is needed to indemnify the Government against all actions taken in the past.

Earlier efforts to get the Bill approved were blocked by the opposition alliance, led by the Awami League which has 100 seats in the house, saying that they would not legitimize a military Government.

The pro-Ershad Jatiyo party, which currently has 210 members after taking eight more constituencies in by-elections on August 26, runs short of a two-thirds majority needed to carry the Bill through.

But General Ershad said that efforts were under way to muster support among other smaller groups in the Parliament.

The former infantry general has been able to draw people away from opposition camps, most of the time surprising his main challengers for power - Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of the Awami League, and Begum Khatula Zia, leader of the former ruling Bangladesh Nationalist party.

The present Prime Minister is a former Awami League member, and at least six senior ministers were once close associates of Begum Zia.

General Ershad faced his greatest challenge last March when the two women seemed to be closing their ranks, threatening civil disobedience upsetting his plans for holding parliamentary elections under martial law.

But General Ershad took a risk by adopting a tough stance on opposition protests which soon dissipated because of lack of organization. The elections were held two months later with the Awami League and about 20 other parties contesting.

Even in a democratic set-up, the Army should have some role to play, General Ershad said. "The armed forces do not want the jobs of ministers, but they would like to be heard on national issues," he said. "You cannot leave a national Army isolated from life."



General Ershad plans to lift martial law after election.

## Report of hidden cash and second wife denied

From Our Correspondent, Dhaka

President Ershad said in his interview with *The Times* yesterday that he had never taken a second wife.

He described as totally untrue a report in the British newspaper *The Observer* on August 31 that in 1982 he had secretly married a woman named Marium Mumtaz, who also claimed to be his long-time mistress.

"If anybody can produce that there is any marriage deed connecting me with the lady I am going to resign," General Ershad said.

He also disclaimed reports

that he had stashed away millions of dollars in secret accounts with banks in the United States and Switzerland and that his agents were hunting abroad for real estate.

General Ershad challenged the newspaper to prove these disclosures.

"If they can prove that I have a single dollar or pound outside Bangladesh, I am ready to resign," he said.

He also said that he was prepared to write authorization letters to any foreign bank to reveal his accounts if he had money with them.

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# Fleming faces Miami drugs smuggling investigation

Miami (Reuter) — Federal prosecutors said yesterday that John Robert Fleming, wanted for questioning in connection with the multi-million-pound Brinks-Mat robbery in Britain, is being investigated by a US grand jury about possible drug smuggling links.

US District Judge James Kehoe gave prosecutors until next Friday to examine Mr Fleming's confiscated British passport as part of the investigation and then return it to its owner. No details of the secret drug probe were disclosed, but prosecutors did not rule out the possibility that charges could be filed against Mr Fleming.

The decision delayed an earlier order by an immigration judge giving Mr Fleming until midnight last night to leave the US for a country that would accept him or else face deportation to Britain.

Mr Fleming, aged 45, is sought for questioning by Scotland Yard about the armed theft of £26 million in gold bars and diamonds from a warehouse near London's Heathrow Airport on November 26, 1983.

He has been held in an isolation cell at a detention centre near Miami since he was detained on August 20 after expulsion from Costa Rica.

Mr Fleming's lawyers contended in a motion filed yesterday that the US authorities were trying to force his deportation to London by confiscating his passport and blocking his efforts to leave for a country of his choice.

In documents filed in the US District Court, Mr Fleming's attorneys asked the judge to order the release of his passport and allow him to go to any country that would accept him. The judge allowed

prosecutors to keep the passport for nine more days after arguing that they needed time to examine dates on it.

Mr Fleming's lawyers said they had learnt that the US State Department and British Government have "successfully prevented" his entry to Panama by pressuring the Government there. Britain has not issued an arrest warrant for him or requested his extradition.

At a court hearing yesterday, Mr Fleming's lawyers said they had found a country willing to accept him, but declined to name it. They said they objected to demands by immigration officials that he travel only on a commercial airline and provide written "assurances" in advance that the country of destination would accept him.

The lawyers have acknowledged that he has no right to remain in the US because he is an "excludable alien". He had been held in an isolation cell because of concern that he might try to escape from the minimum-security facility.

Costa Rican police, acting on a tip from Scotland Yard, arrested Mr Fleming on August 15 at a hotel in San José. He was expelled and taken into custody by US authorities when he arrived at Miami.

● DENVER: The Governor of Colorado has commuted the prison sentence of Stuart Armstrong, aged 22, a Briton who will be deported next week as part of an early-release programme for alien prisoners (AP reports).

Armstrong, convicted of second-degree burglary in 1985, has agreed not to return to the US, officials said.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service said Colorado is the first state to institute an early-release programme for alien prisoners.



Guerrillas of the Moro National Liberation Front, left, parade in Mainbung, Jolo Island, in the southern Philippines, during a meeting of the rebels to prepare for ceasefire talks with President Aquino. Nur Misuari, right, leads the group, which has been waging a secessionist struggle for 14 years.

## Bolivia tin protest hardens

La Paz (Reuter) — About 100 miners and their families joined a hunger strike yesterday at one of Bolivia's biggest tin mines, while mine union leaders and government officials continued talks to resolve a week-long stand-off.

The Church-run radio station Fides said the miners, their wives and children joined a smaller group of miners that has been on a hunger strike since Monday inside a shaft at the Siglo XX Mine, about 190 miles south of La Paz.

They were protesting about plans by President Paz Estessoro to close the mine and up to 10 others because of plummeting prices on the world tin market.

The government plan would put at least 10,000 miners out of work with no possibility of other employment, Señor Emeterio Leano, a Mine Workers' Confederation (FTM) official, said.

## Director accused of fatal stunt

Los Angeles (Reuter) — The film director John Landis, striving for realism, ignored advice to use dolls instead of children in a Vietnam war scene that led to the deaths of the actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, a Superior Court here was told.

The prosecutor said Mr Landis, aged 32, was reported to have told a casting director "to hell with you — we'll get the children ourselves off the streets" when he was told that children should not be used near explosives on the set of *Twilight Zone: The Movie*.

The trial of Mr Landis and four associates on charges of involuntary manslaughter began on Wednesday.

The defence said it was an unforeseeable accident that should not have involved criminal charges.

A helicopter spun out of control and crashed, killing Mr Morrow, aged 53, and the children, Renee Chen, aged six, and Myca Dinh Lee, aged seven.

Hollywood studios are watching the trial closely, since it could have a lasting effect on how far directors will go in staging stunts.

## One near-miss over California every two days Traffic jam in the US skies

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

In the aftermath of the mid-air collision between a DC 9 and a small aircraft last weekend, a chilling picture of the constant dangers in the overcrowded skies of Los Angeles has emerged.

"When there's good flying weather in southern California, there are so many aeroplanes in the sky there's absolutely no way you can possibly keep track of them all," admitted a traffic controller at the Federal Aviation Administration's Palmdale control centre, which handles the growing air traffic in Los Angeles. "It's a miracle there are not more collisions."

The mounting statistics seem to bear out the controller's fears, both in California and many important US cities. In 1984 there were 589 reported near-misses in the air. Last year the figure jumped to 777 and this year it will be even higher.

Yesterday the Federal Aviation Administration reported that near-collisions over California skies had more than doubled in the past five years and now occur at a rate of one every two days.

California, the most populous state in the nation, has the highest near-miss rate in America. Of the 709 incidents reported there since 1981, the FAA classified 155 of them as "critical" — defined as aircraft coming within 100 ft of each other. Several involved distances of less than 10 ft.

In California so far this year there have been 114 near-misses. In the whole of the country in the first six months, more than 400 such incidents have been reported.

Controllers and federal safety officials are once again calling for tighter controls and stiffer regulations to prevent small plane pilots from straying into big jet landing paths. But most agree it is an uphill battle because the private pilots have organized themselves into a powerful lobby, more than 250,000 strong, which constantly opposes any efforts to curb its activities.

One weekend in late July there were 11 cases of planes penetrating jet air lanes in southern California.

Southern California airspace contains a network of airways and control zones of even greater complexity than the hundreds of miles of freeways.

At the time of last Sunday's collision there were at least 10 other aircraft in the vicinity of the crash. Also, the air traffic controller handling the DC 9's landing was working on two jobs at once, said Dr John Lamber, the head of the government safety team probing the crash. That, however, he added, was not unusual.

This week controllers spoke out about the dangers. Mr Dennis Cottle, a former passenger jet pilot who now works at Palmdale, said: "Even if you see every plane up there, you can't possibly track every one. It's impossible."

What exacerbates the problem, say controllers, is that many small planes are not equipped with transponders, the device that signals their presence to controllers. (The Piper Archer piloted by Los Angeles businessman William Kramer apparently did have one functioning at the time of the collision.)

"It's almost impossible to see an aeroplane not equipped with a transponder," Mr Cottle said. "There are many planes out there with broken transponders. It costs \$700 (about £470) to fix them and a lot of pilots don't want to pay the repair bill."

## Enrile told to support Aquino or resign

From Keith Dalton Manila

A senior member of the Aquino Government yesterday accused the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, of subverting peace talks with communist rebels and urged him to resign if he could not support the negotiations.

"Enough is enough," the Local Government Minister, Mr Aquilino Pimentel, said. "The sooner we get rid of people who do not agree with the policies of the President, I think the better for all of us."

It is the first time a member of the Cabinet has openly challenged Mr Enrile and publicly questioned his loyalty to the six-month-old Government.

"If he believes that he cannot support the policies of Mrs Aquino, particularly as regards her call for negotiations and offer of amnesty to the rebels, then the best thing for him to do is quit his position," he said.

"The only prominent government official... who is making it difficult for the negotiations to succeed is minister Enrile."

By publicly criticizing the way negotiations were being conducted and expressing his doubts about the chances of success, Mr Enrile was encouraging a segment of the military to oppose the peace talks, and this had placed President Aquino in a "very embarrassing position".

"I think it is folly for any minister of the Cabinet occupying a sensitive position to express such doubts, because this would tend to sabotage the negotiations," Mr Pimentel said.

Military officials, meanwhile, are investigating 46 officers, including 28 generals and two admirals, for alleged corruption during the 20-year Marcos regime.

The bank accounts of all 46 officers have been frozen, and they are banned from leaving the country while corruption charges are pending, the chairman of the Armed Forces Anti-Draft Board, retired General Manuel Flores, said.

Of those being investigated for "unexplained wealth", 17 remain in active service, three fled into exile with Mr Marcos, and the rest have retired.

## Glare scare in Sweden

Stockholm — A mysterious white light resembling a huge cloud, seen by hundreds of people over south and west Sweden in the early hours yesterday, is now believed to have been caused by a Soviet rocket test (Christopher Mooney writes).

Police and defence establishments received calls from many anxious Swedes who thought the light could be the result of a nuclear explosion.

But the Swedish Space Corporation, said it coincided with notification of a series of Soviet rocket tests.

# There is a case against sanctions

The coal mining industry in South Africa employs about 100 000 people of whom, 86 000 are black, and produces 170 million tons of coal per year of which 45 million tons are exported. Some 30 000 people are producing coal for export.

Both as to its technical skills and in regard to its social policies, this industry has done much to improve productivity and living standards in southern Africa.

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It has raised the real wages of unskilled workers by over

345 per cent between 1970 and 1985. It has provided accommodation and other amenities which more than meet international mining standards. It helped to secure full trade union rights for its black workers. With many difficulties but also with considerable success, it has developed workable industrial relations.

More recently, the coal mining industry has joined in the ongoing initiatives by the private business sector which have achieved important successes in securing social and economic improvements in South African society.

The imposition of sanctions against this industry would certainly

- cause some 30 000 people, most of them black, to lose their jobs, with all that that implies
- deprive the industry of the resources it needs to pursue higher skills and better standards
- heighten political tension and aggravate racial polarisation in South Africa.

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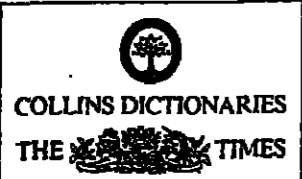
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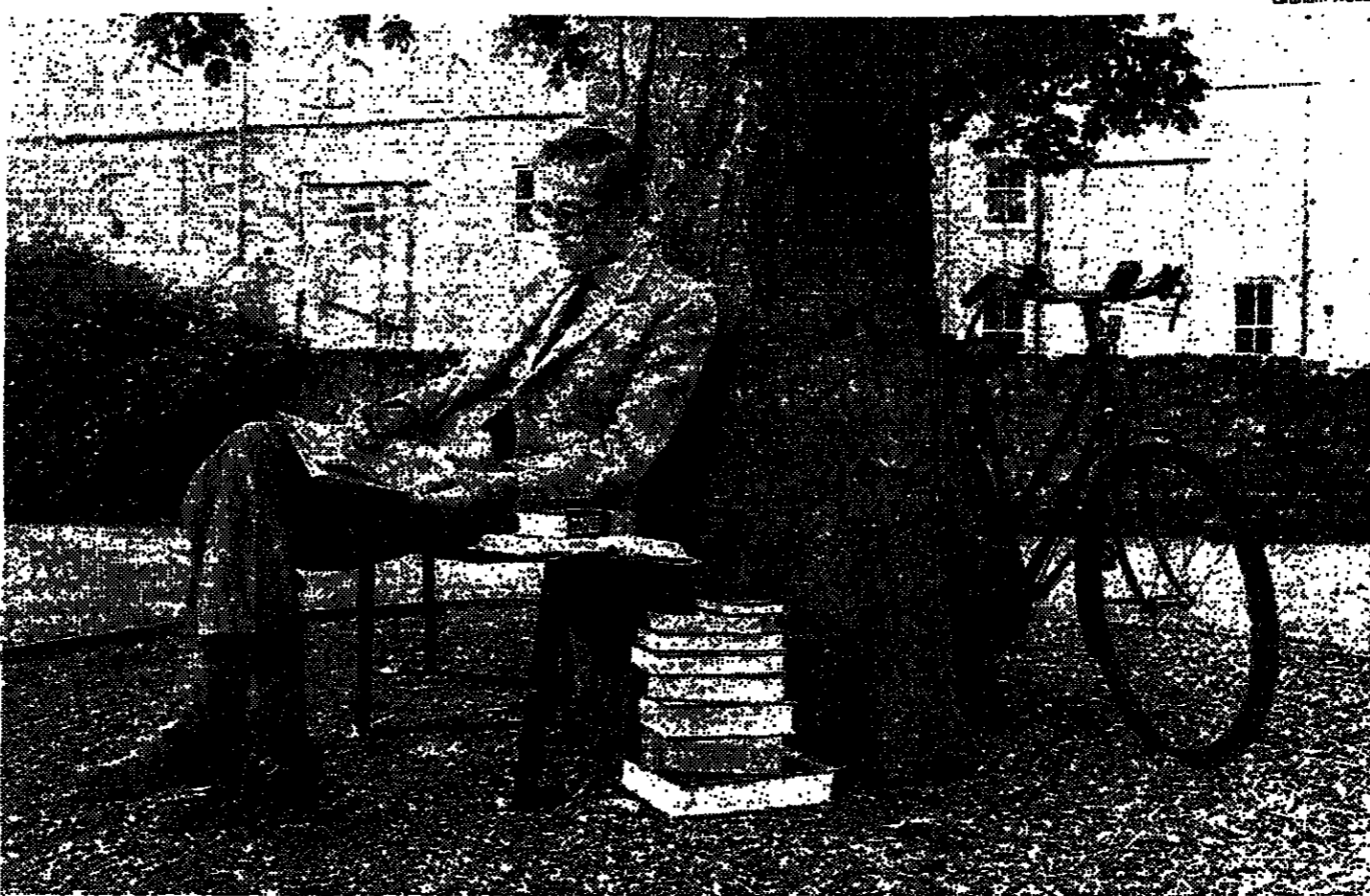
Doctor who puts one across (4,5)



The solution to that headline, having won the Collins/Times crossword contest eight times, has kindly agreed to stay away

from this year's competition on Sunday. But he gave Pearson Phillips some relatively non-cryptic clues to the crafty solvers' arts

It seemed only proper to find the king of crossword puzzlers in a shed in an Oxford garden mulling over the problem of translating "bread-and-butter-pudding" into German. Dr John Sykes, by profession and inclination a lexicographer, will not be taking part in Sunday's national final of the annual Collins Dictionaries/The Times crossword championship. He's too good. Or, as he puts it himself "On alternate years I now leave the field open to others." He has entered 10 times and won eight of them. He would probably have won them all if he had noticed that he had slipped up in the spelling of "Athanasian" in his first year and hadn't been feeling "off form" in 1979. The clue which caught him out on that occasion is fixed in the voluminous recall system which is his brain. "It was 'The end of Socrates as recorded by Plato'. The answer, of course, is the Greek letter 'Sigma'. But somehow I got on the wrong track." What kind of mentality makes a crossword champion? What do those 22 finalists who will gather in the Park Lane Hotel on Sunday have that the rest of us plodding puzzlers lack? Dr Sykes, a tall 57 year old with domed cranium, obviously has a head start on most people as far as general cerebral experience is concerned. He is a past editor of the Concise Oxford Dictionary, the current editor of the new Oxford English-German Dictionary, a professional translator who taught himself Russian by studying Soviet scientific journals, a mathematician by training and a doctor of astro-physics with 18 years at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. His love of words and his lexicographer's mind make con-



Learning how to tackle crossword clues is like learning a language, you have to train yourself not to be delayed by the literal meanings

literary and historical references. But he has turned his systematic brain to this matter. "With the help of the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations I have built up a working knowledge of the areas most commonly covered by The Times compilers, which appear to be The Bible, Shakespeare, Dickens and Alice in Wonderland. "I can get caught out, though. Fresh from last year's victory in The Times competition I was interviewed on Radio Oxford and given that morning's crossword to solve. It included some reference to Nicholas Nickleby which floored me." In his absence, the favourite for Sunday's contest is probably 21-year-old David Armitage, who has just finished reading English at Cambridge. Having collected a starred First, he intends to go back to do a doctorate on Shakespeare's use of classical mythology. He is a 4 1/2-minute solver who has been entering the competition since he was 15. The suggestion that The Times should carry a crossword came from the paper's circulation department after market research had shown that the crossword craze, which had spread through Britain in the 1920s, was particularly rife among Times readers. The editorial department had doubts about allowing such frivolity. It was considered a radical departure, comparable to the more recent launch of the Times Portfolio competition. The puzzle has even been in trouble with the police once, on October 20th 1966, when the words "gaol" and "artillery" were among the answers. Two days later the spy George Blake escaped from Wormwood Scrubs by using a road alongside the prison known as Allington Road. The police were persuaded that it was a coincidence. A certain competitive attitude developed among solvers in messes, ministries and air raid shelters during the war. But it was not until 1968 that a Times reporter, Peter Hopkirk, suggested that a national competition should be run. The first took place in 1970, sponsored by Cutty Sark whisky. Since the first Times crossword appeared on February 1 1930, a whole mythology has arisen around the puzzle including the story of a certain Provost of Eton, who was every to the boiling of his egg every morning by how long it took him to do the crossword. If there is any truth in this tale then it is likely that the Provost had a softer egg on Mondays than on the rest of the week. For Times crossword editor John Grant confirms something which puzzlers have long suspected, which is that it is not quite the strain on Mondays that it is on other days. "It's a terrible day anyway", he says. "So I try to make it a bit easier for people." That at least is something for Sunday's 21 unsuccessful finalists to look forward to. Readers will be able to put their skills to the test during Sunday's final at the Park Lane Hotel. Spectators will be invited to try the same puzzles as the finalists, with prizes for the fastest correct solutions. There will also be some quick puzzles requiring missing answers, as well as the solution of clues. Spectators are asked to be seated by 1.30. Admission is £2.

UNDER THE SPELL

The reaction of most people to the winner of the Collins/Times crossword championship is: "How can anyone do a crossword so quickly?" The ability to complete four puzzles in an average of under 10 minutes each is of a special order. The competitor is in strange surroundings - a hotel ballroom with up to 300 egg-headed rivals, screened from each other by cardboard pigeon holes. Speed counts, but not at the expense of accuracy. A dozen or so competitors will solve all the puzzles; bonus points, one for each minute saved on the 30-minute "bogey" time, differentiate them. But if they make a mistake they get no bonus points and their chances are instantly gone. This leads to hopeful appeals to the referee; if he can be prevailed upon to recognize some unorthodox spelling or bizarre answer, all may yet be well. One of this year's national finalists was saved at the Birmingham contest when, after spelling PURSUER as PERSUER, he unearthed the latter as an obsolete spelling. Two young competitors have been brought down by careless errors when they looked like winning. One, at the age of 20, knew such things as the name of the great Parisian cemetery, Pere-Lachaise, but spelt the Kentish resort WARMER, instead of WARMER, the other entered FUSILAGE for FUSILLAGE. In theory, only errors like that make it necessary to check competitors' answers. Each cryptic clue normally contains two routes to the answer, one a definition, so the solver can check the answer for himself. But seasoned competitors exploit this by solving only one half of the clue and, if the answer looks right, they risk it to gain time. "It was obviously so-and-so", they say afterwards, "so I didn't bother to work it out." Such intuitive solving depends on familiarity with the tricks compilers play. A quarrel is as likely to be an arrow as a row, one in exaltation will probably be a lark, and so on. Nothing can be taken at face value. John Grant Crossword Editor

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A voice for so many tongues. Can John Tusa restore morale to the shoestring broadcasters at Bush House? John Tusa takes up his appointment as Managing Director of the BBC External Services on Monday, carrying the final editorial responsibility for more than 100 hours of broadcasting around the world each day in 37 languages. It will be his duty also to represent the External Services' case to their paymasters (the Foreign Office and the Treasury) as well as being their front man in Britain and abroad. Tusa takes over a troubled ship, Bush House, the Strand-based headquarters of External Services, has had years of indifferent management and budgetary restraint. Last year morale was damaged further by the Real Lives conflict. For the first time, many of the broadcasters felt that the BBC's editorial independence could be justifiably called into question by the people to whom it broadcasts - many of them all too familiar with state-controlled broadcasting. Tusa's first task is to improve morale. His appointment has been a positive start since he is a self-professed friend of the External Services where he started his BBC career, a successful broadcaster, a journalist respected outside as well as within the often hermetic world of the BBC. He sees his role, at least initially, as primarily editorial. It is his editorial standard which he believes sets the BBC External Services apart from other world broadcasting organizations. This excellence provides, in his view, both the purpose and the justification for broadcasting overseas. It was largely a historical accident that Britain and the BBC began broadcasting to the world. The Commonwealth, the spread of English and Britain's role in the Second World War provided the global audience. The broadcasts continued - and continue - Tusa feels, to flourish because Britain was simply very good at it. He sees the BBC's role as providing more information, more fully, and more openly than any one else and with as much detachment as possible so that listeners can make up their own minds. If you question whether it makes sense for Britain, a small and not particularly influential country, to continue to provide this service, Tusa seems almost shocked. No country, he says, can afford not to put forward its total face - "to be quiet is not an option." He disagrees that this comes perilously close to propaganda. Gathering information, he says, present-

Rural myth and reality. The death of Ted Moulton highlights mounting pressures in an occupation normally seen as existing in an air of rural tranquility. Although it is not yet known why Ted Moulton, the Derbyshire farmer, radio personality and actor took his life this week, his death highlights the growing stress faced by farmers and increasingly leading to suicide. The speed of the agricultural decline in this country has been so great that statistics have yet to catch up. Dr Anthony Russell is director of the Arthur Rank Centre, the Royal Agricultural Society's Socio-Economic Unit, and he has been watching with increasing alarm how pressure has taken its toll. "There is a growing awareness in farming that stress, often leading to suicide, is becoming a major problem", he said. "The decline in the industry has taken only three or four years - even quicker for livestock farmers. The lower commodity prices and the sharp decline in the value of land has hit farmers very severely; some figures show an annual drop of as much as a third which suggests that in some rural areas it has been a good deal more than that." Oddly, farming is officially way down the list for occupations in which suicide is a hazard, after doctors, publishers and journalists, but according to Dr Russell it has not always been so: "Farming headed the suicide list in the 1930s and it seems that whenever there is a decline and farming is in a bad way, occupational stress, quickly ensues." Dr Peter Sainsbury, a psychiatrist and formerly of Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, and a colleague, Dr Brian Barraclough, carried out a survey in the 1960s and 1970s which attempted to identify people most at risk. A prominent group was the garrulous, apparently happy-go-lucky, late middle-aged males, sometimes with health problems. "The tragedy about Ted Moulton is that on the face of it he is exactly the type most easily treated. I could almost guarantee to have cured him in a month," said Dr Sainsbury. "The occupational mortality figures show that farming is rather the opposite of stress-

Ted Moulton on his farm: pressures of a troubled occupation. Ted Moulton is shown in a black and white photograph on his farm. The text discusses the pressures of farming and the tragic death of Ted Moulton.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1046. ACROSS: 1 Social outcast (6), 5 Important person (6), 8 Formal poem (3), 9 Tension (6), 10 Grape spirit (6), 11 Resolution (4), 12 Soul, mind (5,3), 14 Put in picture (6), 17 Trifling (6), 19 Child-carrying (8), 22 By mouth (4), 24 Conary state (6), 25 Ammonium/TNT (6), 26 Knotted whip (3), 27 Assault (6), 28 Come out (6). DOWN: 2 Behind (5), 3 Inactivity (7), 4 Terminal care hospital (7), 5 Start (5), 6 Egg white (5), 7 Accuse (7), 13 Ex-sive man (3), 15 Wood block floor (7), 16 Great weight (3), 17 Fill to satisfaction (7), 18 Quarantine (7), 20 Main Italian port (5), 21 Backwards (5), 23 Forward (5). SOLUTION TO NO 1045: ACROSS: 8 Par excellence, 9 ERA, 10 Interfere, 11 Capt, 13 Wreath, 16 Destroy, 19 Delta, 22 Chastiser, 24 Rub, 25 St Bernard Pass, DOWN: 1 Appeal, 2 Armada, 3 Expliator, 4 Bestow, 5 Star, 6 Insect, 7 Delate, 12 Eve, 14 Eldorado, 15 Lit, 16 Deast, 17 Shabby, 18 Yesman, 20 Larvae, 21 Ambush, 23 Turf.

Mary Dejesky. He acknowledges that the three-year budget (it used to be set annually) agreed by his predecessor has eased financial planning considerably. He also feels that the recent approval of an important programme of capital expenditure to improve audibility, especially in the Far East, reflects a government commitment to the External Services that has not always been apparent. Tusa seems to be genuinely shocked by the slimmness of the shoestring on which the operation has been run - and then, he almost exclaims, to find the External Services accused of poor housekeeping! He describes its productivity as remarkable. Tusa believes his case will not have to be argued not so much with the Foreign Office as with the Treasury. He insists that if the total impression of Britain is enhanced by broadcasting, then the External Services are a very cheap and cost-effective way of achieving this. He says it with such conviction that the Treasury might just believe him. After the preservation of editorial standards, Tusa sees his priorities as finding new audiences and then new media. The potential in the Far East, especially in China, has been barely tapped. In Latin America, too, better audibility and more hours of broadcasting could find a welcome. And our friends, Tusa emphasizes, must not be neglected. The North American audience is growing and Americans would benefit from more information about Britain. The new head of External Services, which has so far meant specifically radio services, is interested in the idea of World Service television. A feasibility study has been completed and two half-hour news programmes a day could be produced cheaply, he says. Of course, people will object that the detachment and comprehensiveness attainable in sound-only broadcasting cannot be reproduced on television. Of course, people will object that because those without television sets cannot receive the programmes, the External Services should stick with radio. But that, in Tusa's view, is shortsighted and unrealistic. External broadcasting by television, he says, is inevitable. He instances the spread of transistor radios - undreamt of when the BBC first began its overseas broadcasts - to demonstrate that inevitability.

Simon Tait. It is also true that farmers, compared with most occupations, have lethal opportunities. "A window of depression can pass", said Dr Williams. "It is when a window of opportunity that tragedy is near. If the opportunity is allowed to pass it may never be sought again." "It was interesting that in the 'sixties when non-lethal North Sea gas replaced coal gas for domestic use, the suicide and para-suicide rate dropped." But people who work on the land have the means at hand by which to take their own lives. Shotguns are usually available. Chemicals like Paraquat and other toxins are, too. Sadly for the farming community, there is often nobody at hand to deflect the crucial depression when it strikes a farmer. According to Dr Russell we need to do two things: learn from the same problems overseas and bring pressure to bear in this country. "We need to make the bankers and accountants see what the problem is and why it has grown so quickly, and we should be looking at the American situation where banks themselves are folding and farmers are dropping like flies."

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FRIDAY PAGE

Onassis, a much loving man

The Greek tycoon was a sexual typhoon, as a new book shows. Sally Brompton on a rich man's passion

Elizabeth Taylor once described Aristotle Onassis as the sexiest and most attractive man she had ever met...

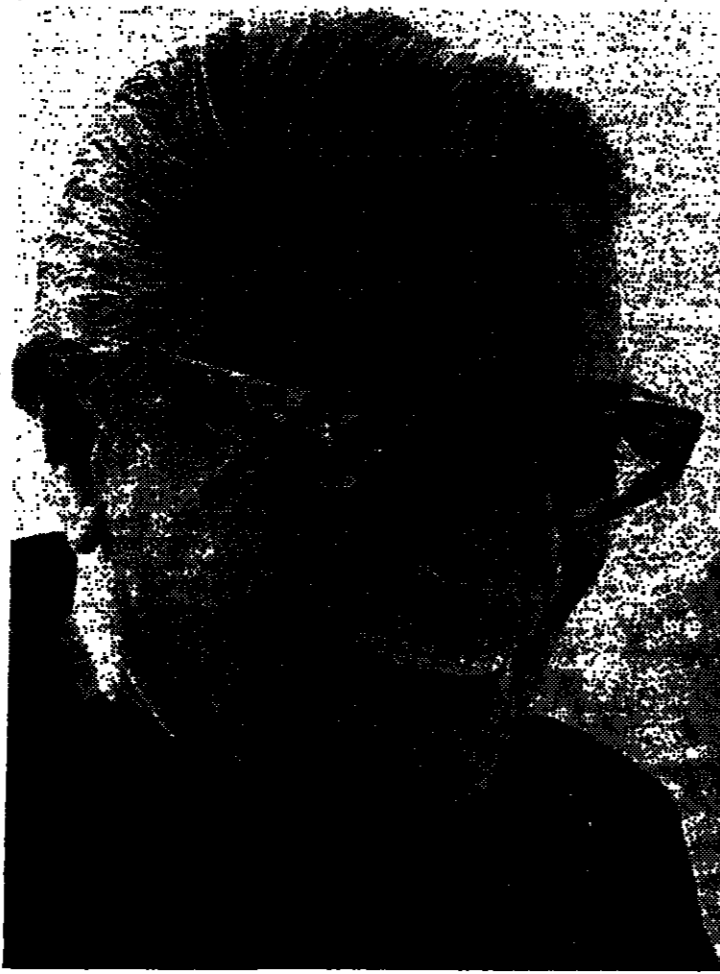
These qualities unquestionably did much to enhance Onassis's social standing during his lifetime...

A new book on Onassis published in Britain this week is already a bestseller in America...

The one thing his women had in common was the fact that they were all seemingly unobtainable...

There was Maria Callas, to all intents and purposes a happily married woman with her own immense operatic success...

It was the romance and subsequent disastrous marriage to Jackie which ensured Onassis his place within the pages of popular mythology...



Onassis and Kennedy: for him she was the ultimate prize, and he boasted

scarcely matched up to Jackie's own and he was never entirely at home in her social circle...

Jackie's brother-in-law and unofficial guardian, Bobby Kennedy, regarded him as "a complete rogue on the grand scale"...

Within minutes of the news of Bobby's death, Onassis was on the telephone to his oldest and closest friend, Constantine Gratosos...

It had been an extraordinary courtship. The first time Onassis met Jackie with her husband...

perceptive little anecdote told to him by Joan Thring, an Australian who shared a cruise in May 1968 with Jackie and Onassis...

He would often dismiss them in public in a very cruel way. He would say things like "shut up" or "you don't know what you're talking about"...

Says Evans: "My contention is that if Jackie had been in love with Ari in the way a woman would normally love a man she is about to marry, she would have slept with him before the wedding"...

In America, Evans discovered that the couple's eventual union was regarded as "not so much a marriage as a merger"...

Yet, despite Jackie's reputation for being "composed, almost cold" according to Evans, Onassis frequently embarrassed his friends and acquaintances with intimate tales of her sexuality...

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Simple hygiene beats drugs

Gastroenteritis is still a surprisingly common illness among young children. A study just published reveals that even in areas of Britain with a relatively high standard of living...

Nearly 13 per cent of infants under a year old were ill with gastroenteritis during that time and just over 9 per cent of 1-2 year olds had one or more episodes of diarrhoea...

Dr Isaac says, because many parents would not bother to report a mild attack. In more than three-quarters of the cases recorded a virus rather than a bacterium was the cause...

And Dr Isaac, whose study is published in the British Medical Journal, says the best way to prevent the spread of gastroenteritis within the family is to make sure that everyone's hands are kept thoroughly clean by washing with soap.

No more needles. Injections could eventually become a memory for the millions of people who are vaccinated every year...

Many vaccines and hormones, such as insulin, growth hormone and the reproductive hormones, are proteins. Ordinarily, if taken by mouth, they would be destroyed, hence the need to present to inject them into the blood stream.

American research workers think that they may have found the answer by coating the drugs with a substance which protects them from digestive chemistry but which allows their eventual release in the large intestine where they are safe from digestion.

The trick was to bind into the coating chemical bonds which are attacked by the bacteria of the large intestine, a process which releases the drug into the bloodstream across the gut wall.

Watch the menu. The notion that only fat children become overweight in adulthood is a myth. A Medical Research Council study of more than 5,000 people born in 1946 has shown that only 21 per cent of those who were overweight at 36 had been so as children.

Tentative allies. Although the British Medical Association does not favour alternative medicine, this is not the case with other British institutions. When the Research Council for Complementary Medicines scientific centre opens in a few months it will do so with technical support from the British Library and financial help from the DHSS.

Lee Rodwell. The pressures have been enormous and I think we've now blown a gasket. And I'm the one who's been ricocheted into outer space.

So what will he do out there? He smiles. "When you get to the point of separation or divorce, you always need quite a period of review and reassessment rather than rushing into a second marriage. That's what I'm doing."

Yes sirree, it's a boost for Britain

The Prince of Wales today adds another notch to his Boasting Britain belt when he opens the longest-running promotion of British goods ever staged by an American chain store...

The operative word in this case is "longest". The promotion is seen as the foundation for many years of improved transatlantic trade, because Marshall Field's has 21 stores throughout Illinois, Wisconsin and Texas...

The State Street store where Prince Charles will cut the inaugural ribbon has cornered the hype market for many years. Harry Gordon Selfridge spent 25 years there helping the founder, Marshall Field, to revolutionize retailing by coming to Britain to open Selfridge's in 1909...

Cedric Dickens will set the nostalgic theme by demonstrating recipes from the time of his great-grandfather, Charles. He will tour other Field's branches and in November will return to State Street to usher in a Victorian Christmas by turning on the lights on a 45ft tree.

Under its festooned branches the people of Chicago will be able to take English tea, instructed by Samuel Twining. A few floors below, those who like to celebrate in stronger style will find a specially-built Whitbread taverna.

Each Kent and Curwen shop has cost Marshall Field's £25,000 in fixtures and fittings - not the sort of money to be written off for a momentary splurge, even when the parent company is the giant British-American Tobacco. But the return is expected to be worth \$2 million (about £1.3 million) a year.

Divorce at marriage guidance

Ending a long-term relationship is always difficult, as Nicholas Tyndall would be the first to admit. But he never expected to end 18 years as director of the National Marriage Guidance Council...

The parting of the ways followed a report from a firm of management consultants which recommended, among other things, the appointment of a new director and management team. Although no replacement was waiting in the wings - indeed the advertisement for the job has yet to be drawn up - and although the annual general meeting to consider the report's recommendations was to take place until next month, Nick Tyndall was left in no doubt that the executive felt it was time for him to go.

He says: "I do think it rather ironic that we are in the business of endings and transitions. As a marriage guidance counsellor myself I know that one of the most important parts of the work is helping people to talk things through. Yet this affair seems to have been handled very differently."

"I can accept that it is reasonable for the executive to want a change of style at the top, but what is not so clever, it seems to me, is the way they went about it. I think there should have been a period of transition, of paving the way for a handover. This seems more like revolution than evolution."

Certainly Tyndall's departure is likely to herald a series of changes for both the National Marriage Guidance Council and the affiliated regional councils scattered over England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Indeed, the face of marriage guidance may change altogether.

Why is this happening? It seems that in the 1980s, even matters like counselling are feeling the brist business-like wind of change. Last year, after five years of mounting financial problems, the National Marriage Guidance Council decided at its AGM to call in the accountants Coopers and Lybrand for advice on how to tackle them.

According to Stephen Saunders, information officer of the NMGC, their report calls for the development of professionalism at every level, more leadership from national management, better targeting of services and better evaluation programmes with regard to both paid staff and volunteers.

Rows about money and management have prompted the director of the Marriage Guidance Council to walk out after 18 years

Part of the problem in getting more money out of the government, he says, is that it is hard to prove to Home Office officials that a marriage guidance service saves the taxpayer money. "They want to know how many families you are helping to keep together, so relieving pressure on things like social services, the housing lists, family doctors."

But measuring effectiveness is almost impossible, even if in research half of their clients said they had been helped substantially and a further quarter said they had been helped to some extent by counselling.

In the long term, will a different management style solve these problems? Tyndall doubts it - and accepts somewhat ruefully that this is one reason why he decided not to fight to stay in the job.

He says: "I don't see any attempt to solve the real issues facing marriage guidance. To turn it all into a 'Nick must go' situation, I see as jejune. It's a panicky response."

There is also a growing feeling that the unpaid volunteers who make up the bulk of the counsellors should be augmented by greater numbers of paid staff. As Tyndall says: "We lose far too many trained people because there comes a time when they want



Beryl Downing

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THE TIMES DIARY

Rude to Roy

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader has been dealt a snub in the agenda for this year's party conference...

Law reform

The attempt by solicitor Michael Joseph to have the Law Society prosecuted under the Trade Descriptions Act...

Marriage vow

A reader amplifies our obituarist's tribute this week to Lady Fisher of Lambeth's sense of humour...

Double trouble

Strife at the Hampstead and Highgate Conservative Association which has, for the first time in its history...

Pirate action

The Foreign Office at last seems to be getting its act together to combat the problem of overseas piracy of British intellectual property...

Taxing

Unlike the rest of us, policemen like the rateable value of their houses to increase. The reason is that those who own their own houses are paid a tax-free rent allowance...

Bubbling over

MPs returning from the summer recess next month are in for a shock: Commons' restaurants are about to face a 10 per cent price rise...

London's unhealthy appetite

by Stuart Haywood and John Yates

The government is under pressure to provide more cash for London health services, particularly its teaching hospitals...

heth (St Thomas's) have five times the number of doctors for the population they serve...

from higher levels of social deprivation or significantly lower existing levels of service...

A revision of the allocation formula based on teaching responsibility and specialized workload would be perverse...

Teaching districts have consistently claimed resources for the unusually high number of complicated cases that they treat...

Michael Hornsby on the dilemmas of Tutu's international celebrity

For those seeking ammunition to support their view that the phenomenon known as Desmond Mpilo Tutu owes more to show-business than to religion...

Has the good bishop gone over the top?



Whether the government should ignore him or prosecute him, and thus add martyrdom to his other qualifications, is a matter for argument among his enemies...

Mere mention of Tutu's name is enough to send blood pressures soaring at dinner tables in the supposedly liberal white suburbs of northern Johannesburg...

While much of the animus Tutu provokes can be attributed to malice or concealed racism, there are sympathetic whites who also have doubts about his style...

His present prominence, Tutu insists, is mainly attributable to the imprisonment or exile of most of the country's real black political leaders...

and you cry and you are angry, and you hope that what you are feeling is not hate...

As Bishop of Johannesburg, Tutu was able to keep in touch with the lives of both black and white members of his diocese...

exculpation of the violence of the oppressor. Nonetheless, he has condemned terror bombings and the barbarous necklacing killings in the townships as well as the brutality of the state...

There must have been times, as on one day in Soweto last week, when the contrasting realities of life in South Africa have proved almost too stark for comfort...

On the shooting ranges of Sri Lanka

Jaffna A weapons training instructor once told me that you could always tell when someone was shooting at you...

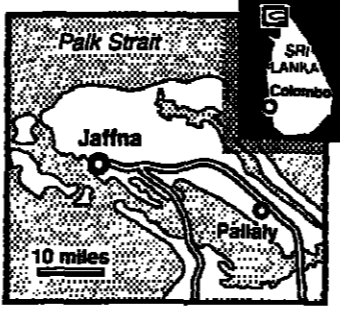
The Sri Lankan army. The army is at present bottled up inside its camps in the northernmost area...

From time to time the troops do emerge, to patrol or to strengthen their position by occupying a prominent building or by trying to drive away the Tigers' sentries...

I regained my taxi, returned to Jaffna and telephoned the captain again. Yes, he laughed, there had been a spot of bother...

disappeared. The taxi fare, already inflated, doubled. When I paid the driver 60 per cent of what he asked...

Later that afternoon the bangs and whizzes started again. But this time I had crossed the fine and was able to watch with some detachment...



David Watt

A fragile man talks tough

Neil Kinnock's speech to the TUC has had an astonishingly good press. Laudatory clichés have flowed from the most hardened conservative pens...

What does this mean? If it means statutory incomes policy, pay freezes and the like, that would indeed be "tough"...

Does it mean, then, that a Kinnock government would be as prepared as a Thatcher government to hold down pay in the public sector...

Page three of People at Work outlines their main objectives succinctly when it states, as the first principle of the joint approach...

moreover... Miles Kington

A jazz genius up Sweden's sleeve

As a teenager in the late 1950s, I had the privilege of being around when Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly etc were first making records...

Well, that explained the record in Barbados. Then, towards the end of the 1970s a Swedish lawyer named Anders R. Ohman conceived a passion for Hallberg...

And the whole point of this story is that last weekend Bengt Hallberg made his first visit to Britain, playing in Edinburgh on behalf of Uncle Bill and the Pizza Express in Dean Street, London...

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BOGUS PROSPECTUS

For presentational purposes Mr Neil Kinnock has had a good Trades Union Congress. He has told the unions straight that as Prime Minister he would govern in the interests of all the people and not be deflected by sectarian interests, in which he plainly included the unions, and union leaders conceded that this was indeed the right approach for a would-be Prime Minister. But then came the cold douche of reality: the TUC proceeded to resolve that the next Labour government should introduce a statutory minimum wage.

Mr Kinnock may assert now that he would govern without regard to sectarian interests, but he would be increasingly dependent on the unions which would again become the most dominant sectarian interest in Britain once they scented their renewed power and the government's weakness. Government would again be bargained for pay restraint in what could be a re-run of the social contract which undermined the Wilson-Callaghan governments of 1974-99.

A Labour government would start by calling a National Economic Summit with all sides of industry to discuss all aspects of economic policy, from public expenditure to pay, so as to produce a national assessment for the guidance of economic policy. Faced with escalating wage demands, the government's corporatist policies would drive it more and more towards intervention to keep wages down.

Future of museum reading room

From Lord Thomas of Swynnerton and others Sir, The undersigned and we believe, a majority of readers who use the round reading room of the British Museum (now part of the reference division of the British Library) would prefer to go on doing so and would like those who come after them to be able to do so too: whether because it is the most beautiful national library in Europe, or because of its historical associations, or because it functions well as a service to scholars, or for some other reasons, is unimportant. The room is rarely crowded.

Choices in defence

From Rear-Admiral J. E. Dyer-Smitth Sir, Sir Peter Horden (September 1) rightly maintains that public expenditure should reflect changing priorities. Likewise his contention that research takes too much of the cake cannot be faulted. But I cannot fathom his innuendo that low educational standards do not warrant escalating and largely nugatory costs of defence equipment.

Soap and the admen

From Mr James Hindhaugh Sir, Might I contest Lord Beloff's view (article, August 30) that "Madame Thatcher is not a bar of soap"? Her undeniable success has been largely due to a marketing effort which has treated her as a brand; her brand values have been analysed and merchandised to prospective customers, some predisposed, some not, a high conversion rate has been achieved and significant loyalty inspired.

Control of weeds

From Mr Mark Yonge Sir, I am H. St John (August 28), in his letter referring to noxious weeds, is critical of the Department of Transport for their lack of action in controlling weeds beside our motorways and trunk roads.

Birmingham racing

From Mr Robert Lawrence Sir, I was saddened and alarmed to read Mr Skiffington's letter (September 1) condemning the Birmingham Grand Prix (sic) and the notion that the city should even aspire to such an event. The merits or otherwise of the Super Prix can be left to sponsors, competitors and spectators alike, but what concerns me are his comments about the city itself, which I fear reflect a destructive, but increasingly common, attitude to urban life in general.

Hanway memorial

From The General Secretary of the Marine Society Sir, On September 5, 1786 Jonas Hanway, one of the greatest of the 18th-century philanthropists, died in London. Born in Portsmouth in 1712, he became a well-known merchant, joining the Russia Company in 1743. In 1754 a legacy allowed him to retire and he devoted the rest of his life to alleviating the appalling conditions which the underprivileged endured, especially the unemployed, the sick, prostitutes and chimney sweep boys.

Refugees' plight in Hong Kong

From the Administrator, Oxfam Hong Kong Sir, Your reflection on the problems of resettling refugees ("Sharks who offer sanctuary - at a price", August 15), was of particular relevance to those of us who are grappling with the problems faced by Vietnamese refugees here in Hong Kong.

There are today 8,448 Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong, 4,787 of whom are living in closed camps which are effectively prisons. These people, who were the subject of so much international attention a few years ago, are today largely forgotten.

Chris Bale, Administrator, Oxfam Hong Kong, Room 603A, Hong Kong Bank Building, 673 Nathan Road, Mongkok, Hong Kong, August 29.

Buying British

From Mr M. L. Kinnerly-Taylor Sir, I refer to your editorial "A leaner Rover" (August 29). I must agree broadly with the sentiments expressed regarding more realistic targets. However I do not feel that the company is responding to what we, the car-purchasing public, require of a Rover car.

Very soon, Nissan will be "on stream" from North-east England, and this could prove to be the most ill-considered move for a long time: to allow our Far-East competitors to build vehicles on our doorstep. I've heard all the arguments about easing unemployment in the region, and I am not unsympathetic, because I was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and knew the area intimately for years, but it seems supremely ill-considered to take a short-term measure to ease unemployment when, in the long term, infinitely greater overall job losses in the rest of the car industry could follow.

If Government assistance was available for Nissan to build a factory, and I understand certain incentives were offered, then if there is spare cash available, why not channel it towards genuine assistance for our own car industry - perhaps set up a highly effective research unit to find out from the public what they want from Rover and then act on it quickly?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL KINNERLY-TAYLOR, Wester Tillybin Cottage, Near Kintore, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, August 30.



ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 5 1755 The affair of the diamond necklace was a scandal of such magnitude that Napoleon believed it to be one of the causes of the French Revolution. The Comtesse de La Motte enticed Cardinal de Rohan, Grand Almoner of France to purchase a diamond necklace supposedly for Queen Marie Antoinette, but in reality for herself. The deception was discovered; Rohan was deprived of all his offices; La Motte was flogged, branded and imprisoned. She escaped to England and there published her scandalous Memoirs. The story was first told to The Times in its first year and it ran every detail throughout 1785 to 1787.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

Saturday arrived the Mails from Holland and Flanders, Paris, Aug. 21. ANY people are in doubt whether the reasons assigned for the imprisonment of the Cardinal de Rohan, Grand Almoner of France, be the real ones; but as they are publicly reported at Versailles, they certainly merit some degree of credit. The fact is as follows: Mr Bohmer, the King's jeweller, some months ago offered her Majesty a diamond necklace of immense value; the price fixed was 1,500,000 livres. Her Majesty is supposed to have replied, "that the state of her finances did not admit of her expending such a sum on so useless a purchase." On her Majesty's refusal, the jeweller endeavoured to dispose of the necklace abroad. In the interim a certain Lady de la Motte came to the jeweller and told him, "that the Queen would take the necklace on condition of paying for it by instalments and at the same time insisted on the purchase being kept a profound secret." Mr Bohmer did not think it proper to deliver the necklace on the strength of a supposed letter from the Queen, which the lady had brought, but required some better security. The Lady there upon assured him, that one of the first persons about the Court should be sent to finish the bargain. This person proved to be the Cardinal de Rohan, who after having called on Mr Bohmer, sent to him and concluded the purchase for 1,400,000 livres. The necklace was delivered to Madame de la Motte, in return for notes of her Majesty's, payable at different times, the first of which for 400,000 livres became due the 1st of August.

The Cardinal having neglected to take up the bill, the jeweller, by means of a friend about the Queen's person, hid his complaints before her Majesty, together with his reasons. The Queen sent a letter of the Cardinal's own writing, in which he says he has delivered the necklace. The Queen was so much surprised at these unaccountable proceedings, and so unwilling to believe that anyone could have been guilty of such gross impudence, that she took ten days to examine into this mystery, and obtain the fullest evidence before she would mention it to the King. On Sunday her Majesty herself informed the King of it, and on Monday the Cardinal was arrested. When the Baron Breteuil shewed the Cardinal the papers produced by the jeweller, it is said "his Eminence acknowledged his signature, and was so affected, that he was obliged to have a glass of water brought in before he could recover himself; and that after he had signed the confession of his fault, he implored the King's clemency, and offered to pay the 1,400,000 livres in 24 hours time." The Queen's hand is not forged; the notes are signed Marie Antoinette de France, which is her Majesty's method of signing. On Tuesday evening the Cardinal was sent to the Bastille, and all his papers and effects sealed up, as well as those of the people in his service, and the Count de Vergennes, the Marechal de Castries and the Baron de Breteuil appointed to examine them. The necklace is supposed to be taken to pieces, and the diamonds sent some to Holland and the rest to Portugal. The Grand Almoner is the first Cardinal that has been arrested since Cardinal Polignac... His Eminence is attended in the Bastille by three servants, and is permitted to send the Prince de Soubise and the Princess de Masson; he engages his friends that he is the victim of an intrigue, and behaves with the greatest fortitude and resolution.

Looking askance

From Mrs Gilly Croyer Sir, Re the return of route maps in trains (letter, August 29) I am not sure this is such a good idea as suggested; I can remember on at least two occasions standing up to have a better look at one of the route maps and, when I turned back to my seat, it had been taken!

Odious comparison

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THE SOUND OF SILENCE

It was a famous victory which the press in South Africa won against the government there two weeks ago - but a fleeting one. After a brief respite from reporting restrictions, the country's police commissioner announced new restrictive measures on Wednesday which went even further than those thrown out in court last month. And this time General Johan Coetzee would seem to have made sure he has got it right.

Yesterday in Pietermaritzburg, the Natal Supreme Court came down once more in favour of local newspaper groups, overturning a number of the emergency restrictions which would have given the minister of law and order more powers than the president himself. Under one of them the minister could have closed down a paper for ever on the grounds that he held to be a "subversive" statement. How long it will be before Pretoria finds a way in which to restore these measures too, remains to be seen.

AN UNFAIR DEAL

There is a rumour abroad that the Soviet Union has learnt its lesson from Chernobyl, that its policy on information is changing and that the more open reporting of this week's shipping disaster in the Black Sea is the proof. Unfortunately, this otherwise pleasing theory has been contradicted by equally conclusive evidence that, so far as certain varieties of information are concerned, the Soviet authorities retain a fondness for their old tricks.

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THE ARTS 11

Cinema: Geoff Brown welcomes Mona Lisa to London, while below David Robinson reports from the Venice Film Festival

Face to face with a nightmare



Lost souls seeking love: Cathy Tyson in her film debut as Simone and Bob Hoskins as George in Mona Lisa

Mona Lisa (18) Odeon, Haymarket

Jake Speed (15) Cannon, Oxford Street, Cannon, Pantom Street

Miracles (PG) Cannon, Oxford Street, Cannon, Pantom Street

Are you warm, are you real, Mona Lisa? Or just a cold and lonely, lovely work of art? So sings Nat King Cole in the number that cues the rueful, romantic mood of Neil Jordan's exciting new film.

The song pops up on the radio of the Jaguar car driven round London by George, the crude but kindly small-time crook just out of prison, employed as chauffeur to Simone, a "tall, thin, black tart" (his own description). After initial hostility, George finds the poised lady just as captivating as Leonardo da Vinci's painting.

puppets of pimps and shady businessmen. George, a Cockney bull in a china shop, is played magnificently by Bob Hoskins, who shared the Best Actor award at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Mona Lisa, Jordan's third film, is stamped with the same degree of originality and style as its distinguished predecessors. They make a diverse trio. Jordan's debut thriller Angel (1982) invested the contemporary Irish troubles with the emotional anguish and dark visual panache of the Hollywood film noir, while The Company of Wolves (1984) offered the Little Red Riding Hood story retold as the Gothic fantasy of a girl passing through puberty.

For all its striking visuals, it often sits on the screen like congealed porridge; in Mona Lisa, however, Jordan recovers his nimble feet, setting up the plot and establishing characters with elliptical wit, so that George's bemusement is pleasantly shared by the viewer.

Mona Lisa benefits too from location shooting. Roger Pratt's photography injects passion and colour into both drab concrete and the sleazy decor of Soho sex clubs, while the nocturnal hunting grounds of King's Cross emerge with a touch of Fellini-esque nightmare. As before, Jordan shows great flair for ripping away life's surface layers to reveal deep-rooted fantasies, longings, fear and poetry.

Hoskins' performance serve as camouflage for a basic weakness: for all the variations on the theme of lost souls seeking love, there is simply not enough in the story to keep the characters occupied.

Cathy Tyson, in her film debut, admirably suggests Simone's cool charisma, but more steel is surely needed for a prostitute who prides herself on surviving the King's Cross meat rack. The actress had the misfortune, though, to be up against Hoskins at his most inimitable, dressed to kill in an orange leather jacket and tropical shirt (this is his idea of dressing smart), bubbling with repartee. And how good it is to see Michael Caine, cast as a manipulative businessman, playing his age, which is 52; playing, moreover, not in some vacuous international fluff, but in a British film of quality and merit.

It was the Disney organization who first realised the financial benefits of marrying movies with merchandise; now no cinema hit is complete without its back-up supply of books, dolls, models, T-shirts, playing cards, hats, india-rubbers, even pencil sharpeners.

Now a scheme is afoot to place a new superhero, Jake Speed, on the market: if all goes well, the film bearing his name will be the boulder that triggers an avalanche of books, comic-strips, board games and clothing. So hopes Wayne Crawford who devised the character, acts the character, produced, and co-wrote the script with the director, Andrew Lane; to help the merchandising process along, several Jake Speed paperbacks

are displayed in the film itself.

It is doubtful if Wayne Crawford's gamble will pay off. As personified here, Jake Speed has the lined, forgettable looks of a failed B-movie actor; and he seems far too cloddish to succeed as a champion of good over evil, even in a tongue-in-cheek romp.

Those who care about the art of comedy have good reason to fear Jim Kouf and David Greenwalt. Two years ago they wrote the script for American Dreamer, in which JoBeth Williams and Tom Conti raced round Paris desperately searching for wit and originality. Miracles, written and directed by Kouf, with Greenwalt as executive producer, offers the same male star and a similar mood of threadbare frenzy.

We begin with a drunken Mayan Indian witch doctor straining for a miracle to help cure the tribal chief's daughter. The miracle finally arrives, after flat jokes galore, in the dishevelled shape of Tom Conti - a New York doctor flown south as a hostage by inept crooks, in the prickly company of the wife he just divorced.

Few recent films have contained so much shouting and shrieking from the leading players. Conti is also cursed with a token American accent, which effectively obliterates the dithering British charm that first made him popular in America in the first place. Regrettably, this dingy film is one of the last assignments of the distinguished British cameraman John Alcott, who won an Oscar for Barry Lyndon and died suddenly in July, aged 55.

Cracking the code of mixed cultures

A film festival sometimes feels like a new babel as you stumble from screening to screening and from Arabic to Japanese to Turkish, Greek, Flemish, Serbian, Russian, without appreciable pause.

Or, perhaps, it is the antebellum with sub-titles and simultaneous translations you somehow struggle to penetrate exotic languages, sentiments and cultures.

We have had Finns assailing Kafka's The Castle, and a Hindi film exploring the cultural gulfs of the old British Raj. The Finnish film, Jaako Pakkaveden's Lassa, shows that Kafka's nightmares belong to the mind. The images are ambitious but constrict the imagination. After all even Orson Welles did not bring off the feat.

Massey Sahib is a promising writer-director debut for Pradipt Krishen. It is a tragedy-comedy about people living, as the director puts it, "in a penumbral region between two cultures". The hero is an innocent Indian clerk whose efforts to give satisfaction to the Colonial bosses lead him to imaginative initiative which they unfortunately can only perceive as crimes.

Theo Angelopoulos's The Beekeeper is a predictable heavyweight - 140 minutes in length and unremitting in despair, though more penetrable and slightly less portentous than his recent pictures.

Marcello Mastroianni plays a Greek peasant (remarkably convincingly) pursuing a journey around his far-flung "hives", which is really a pilgrimage in search of death. The Italian director Pupi Avati remains unknown in Britain after 17 years of work and 15 feature films, each with its own style, attraction and originality. Christmas Present is an account of an all-night poker game which at first looks like an amiable social affair. Gradually, however, the tensions are exposed, for some of the players it is a game of life and death. It is a minor work in the Avati canon, but one of the best offerings in Venice so far.

The Argentine director Maria Luisa Bemberg turned to films late in life - she was already a grandmother - to emerge to worldwide success with Camila, which was seen

in London last year. Miss Mary confirms an outstanding talent and intelligence. Set in 1938, it tells the story of an English governess (Julie Christie) who goes to work for a family of Argentine landowners, immensely rich and politically degenerate.

Mostly in English dialogue and rich in character comedy, the film wittily catches the cultural collisions, and at the same time provides a microcosm of the old Oligarchy in the last desperate days before Peron.

Francesco Maselli began his career in the era of Italian neo-realism, made a notable film debut in 1955 with Gli sbandati, but subsequently has directed comparatively few films. Storia d'amore, his first for ten years, updates the spirit of neo-realism.

His characters are underprivileged youngsters, struggling for any sort of mental work and any place to live; the actors who play them are bright, unknown faces. He returns to the old improvisational style; and even his locations, the no-man's-land in the city's edge, recall the films of 40 years ago.

The language of films these days seems to have little connection with their nationality (the English exhibits in Venice have come in French and German). Henning Carlsson's Franco-Danish co-production The Wolf At The Door is, like Miss Mary, mainly in English. Donald Sutherland plays Paul Gauguin in a capricious, correct, educational biopic, recalling Inter alia Gauguin's unhappy Danish marriage.

Comedy is rare enough to prize at festivals. Alex van Warmerdam, a young Dutch theatre director, plays the lead in his own absurdist extravaganza Abel, about a young man and his parents living in claustrophobic and mutually destructive madness.

Shost Cirkov is made by John Badham (Saturday Night Fever, War Games) a director of Hollywood youth films who credits his audience with the capacity to think and feel. His hero here is an endearing robot which runs amok, inputs the Encyclopaedia Britannica and the Three Stooges, grows more human than the humans and rebels against his nuke-happy creators in the Pentagon.

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Princess Alexandra, to mark the centenary year, will visit the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow, on November 26...

Memorial service

Mrs B. Markham A service of thanksgiving for Mrs Beryl Markham was held at St Clement Danes, Strand, yesterday...

Receptions

London Chamber of Commerce Sir Anthony Jolliffe, President of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry...

Belmont Abbey School

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Penny Blacks fetch £80,000

An extremely rare mint corner block of 12 Penny Black stamps sold at Phillips yesterday for £80,000 to a private collector...

Latest wills

Mr John Ashley Stockcock of Tilford, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,281,156 net...

Birthdays today

Mr R. S. Alexander, QC, 50; Mr Johnny Briggs, 51; Mr Justice Bush, 61...

Girls' Public Day School Trust

Autumn term for the 24 schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust will be beginning next week...

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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RICARDS: On 15th August 1986, in St Mary's, Helen (née Davies) and Alton MacPherson Richards...

BIRTHS

BARRIER: On September 3rd, at Lister Hospital, Stevenage, to Paula and Martin, a son, Harry...

DEATHS

BISHOP: Billy, warden of Norfolk, Naturalists Trust's Bird Reserve, at 127, 1937-79, on September 3rd, aged 73...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Dickenson and Miss H.E. Barnes The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Dickenson...

OBITUARY

MR DAVID WOODWARD

War correspondent of the old school

Mr David Woodward, the last survivor of a quartet of particularly perceptive British war correspondents who followed the course of the Second World War from the Middle East across Western Europe...

University news

Cambridge The following elections and awards have been made: MAGDALENE COLLEGE Elected to a student love-fellowship: A. Bentley...

Appointment

Mr Simon Lewis has been appointed head of communications for the Social Democratic Party until the next election.

Kent College for Girls, Pembury

Kent College for Girls, Pembury, announces that this is its centenary year. Boarders return for Autumn Term on September 9...

Wilson's School

Michaelmas Term at Wilson's School begins today and ends on December 19. J.S. Pay is captain of school, A.G. Howard and M.W. Scriminger are vice-captains...

Corpus Christi College Cambridge

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge intends to publish this year a centenary edition of the Register of Members. Old members who have not received a copy of the 1985 Letter of the Corpus Association are asked to send their current address to the Editor of the Letter...

Science report

Working to simplify robot actions Although robots are 'playing an increasing part in industry by taking over some of the more routine jobs previously carried out by man, they are basically slow, cumbersome and unsophisticated...

MR PHILIP RADCLIFFE

Mr Philip Radcliffe, the Cambridge music critic and composer, died with his sister, Susan, in a motor accident in France on September 2. He was 81.

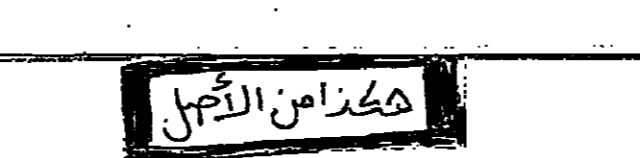
DR ERNEST MOSSNER

Dr Ernest Mossner, who died recently in a suicide pact with his wife, Caroline, at their home in Austin, Texas, was an American scholar who did valuable research on Hume, on whom he wrote a substantial biography...

ANNIE POWELL

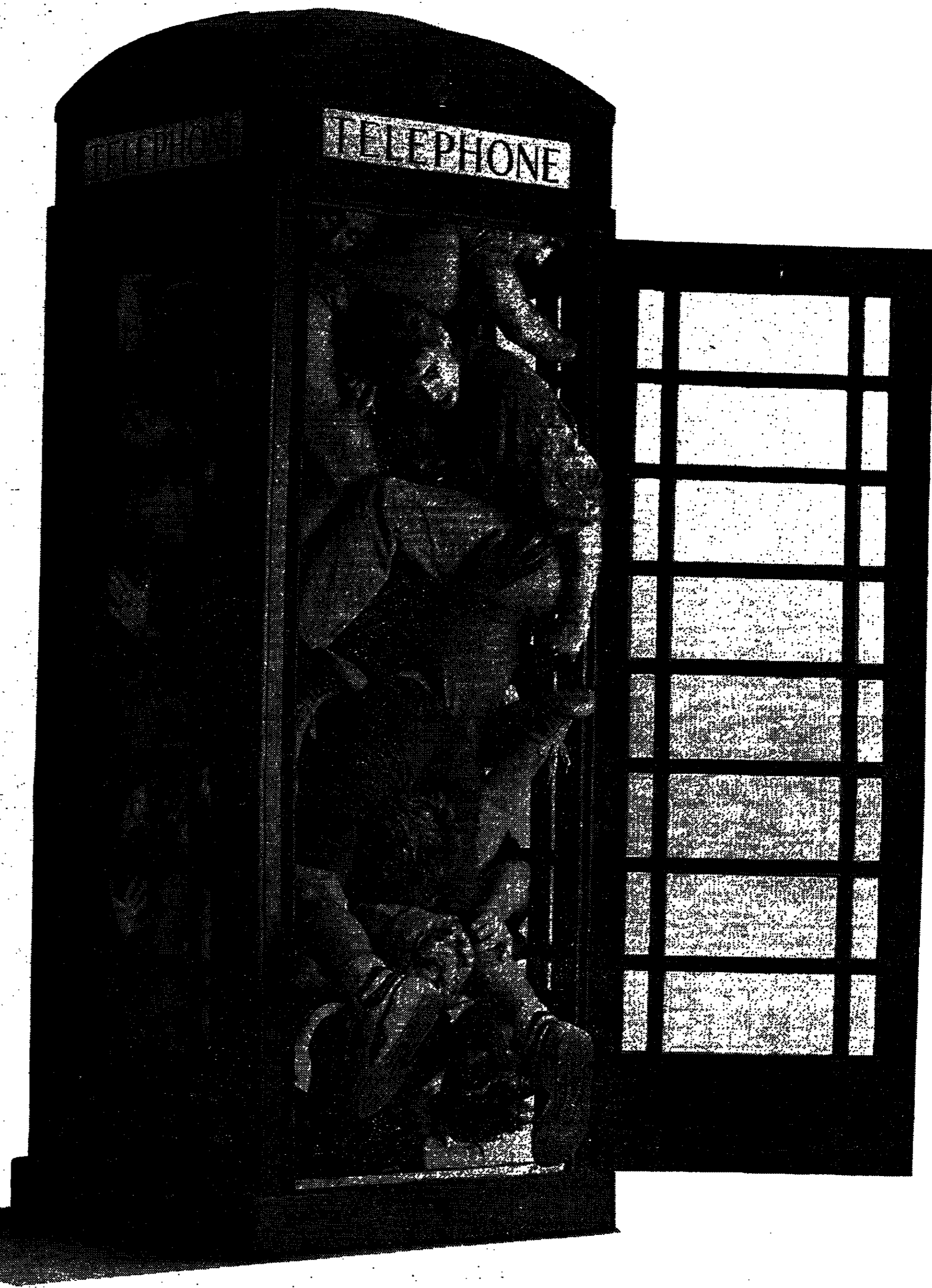
Annie Powell, whose election as Mayor of the Rhondda in 1979 made her the Communist Party of Great Britain's first woman mayor, died on August 28. She was 79.

MASQUEEZ



DAVID EDWARD  
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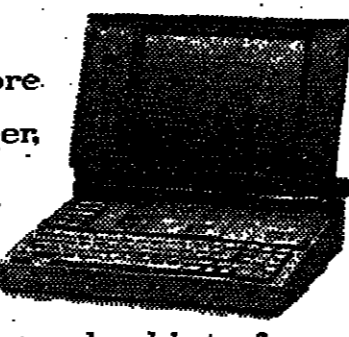
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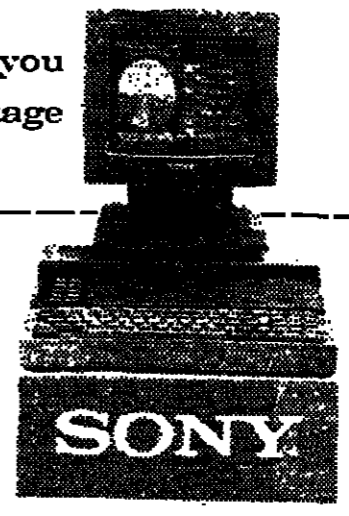
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# Prince in call for balanced teaching

From Paul Valley Boston

Modern education has lost sight of the need to produce balanced individuals, the Prince of Wales told an audience of 18,000 academics and former Harvard students at the opening of the celebration of the university's 350th anniversary yesterday.

"We have for too long and too dangerously rejected the best and most fundamental traditions of our Greek, Roman and Jewish inheritance," he said in the Foundation Day address.

"We have been gradually losing sight of the Greek philosophers' ideal which was to produce a balance between the several subjects that catered for a boy's moral, intellectual, emotional and physical needs.

"While we have been right to demand the kind of technical education relevant to the needs of the 20th century it would appear that we may have forgotten that a good man is a nobler work than a good technologist."

The Prince, wearing the black and gold robes of the Chancellor of the University of Wales, returned to several of his favourite themes.

The destruction of the world's rain forests, the issues raised by the exploration of space, the unprecedented power which mankind possessed confronted us for what could be a final settlement.

"Surely it is important that we do not let our children slip away into a world dominated entirely by sophisticated technology, but rather teach them that to live on this world is no easy matter without standards to live by."

The Prince's remarks were enthusiastically applauded. Faced with the "increasingly different perceptions that Americans and Europeans seem to have of each other's attitudes and interests," it was important that the United Kingdom should act as an interpreter and mediator between the US and Europe.

# Early sign of winter on the grass slopes



The absence of snow and mountains are no obstacle to a fast downhill slalom as demonstrated by Lawrence Beck (above), who was competing in the European Grass Ski Championships at Butser Hill, near Petersfield, Hampshire, yesterday.

Beck, whose sister Lesley is also a leading grass skier, set a grass skiing speed record of nearly 65mph recently.

Grass skis are shorter than those used on snow and propelled by metal tracks underneath.

The championships end on Sunday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

# Black Sea disaster skippers in custody

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From 79 to 116 with the discovery of more bodies. The Soviet authorities hold out no hope for the 282 people still listed as missing as divers have established that no air pocket has been left inside the liner.

Of those rescued from the Soviet Union's worst merchant marine disaster, 559 were passengers and 227 crew members.

The Government paper *Izvestia* reported last night that it would take a week to recover the rest of the bodies trapped more than 150 feet under the sea.

# Murder hunt man surrenders to police

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On Wednesday night, he visited at least four public houses in the town, where he played several games of pool with a couple of holiday-makers at the Foresters Arms, before picking up two girls who took him back to their tent at the camp-site at 11pm in their blue Renault 5 car.

Later he walked nearby half-a-mile to the warden's hut, where at 1.42am yesterday he called the police.

Det. Chief Supt Wheeler said he would like to hear from anyone who saw Stephenson in the Brockenhurst area on Wednesday night.

# Thatcher's Scottish foray Politics avoided in whistle-stop visit

By Philip Jacobson

With the Conservative Party's fortunes in Scotland at their lowest ebb since Mrs Thatcher came into office, the Prime Minister set out yesterday to show her Government's flag on a whistle-stop tour.

At a series of brief engagements in carefully chosen venues between Edinburgh and the Borders region, she smiled and made small talk throughout some distinctly bland encounters.

She uttered barely a word that came close to being a political speech as she admired computers in a high-tech factory, praised the efforts of disabled ex-servicemen making paper poppies and accepted a haggis.

It was the Prime Minister's first extended foray into Scotland since the disastrous local elections last May, when the Tory vote plummeted. The omens were not exactly favourable this time. Early this week an opinion poll suggested that some 16 of the 21 Conservative seats in Scotland could go in the next general election, among them those of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Scottish Secretary, and Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary.

On the eve of her arrival a major North Sea oil employer, British, announced the loss of 750 jobs.

Surrounded by intense security the Prime Minister kept her distance from the sparse crowds and was lightly booed as she left a bakery in Hawick (this is, after all, a Liberal stronghold, once David Steel's constituency).

Mrs Thatcher smiled broadly, then gave her bodyguards a nasty turn by chatting with a boy in a wheelchair in the middle of a melee of journalists and spectators. Mr Denis Thatcher was less pleased when an egg thrown at the Prime Minister's party splattered over his jacket. Passing the chance to look over the Scottish College of Textiles in nearby Galashiels, the former referee took off to talk ringer with some of the great names of the local team.

Try as we would, the accompanying press corps signally failed to engage the Prime Minister on the issue of her party's bleak electoral prospects north of the border.

"I'm very impressed with what's happening with the development of new technology here," she declared at Ferranti's factory in Edinburgh. Asked if she was impressed with the Scottish opinion polls, she said: "I'm here to try and help get more jobs for Scotland," to help sell its products.

A sharp retort, winning another round on points. Photograph, page 2

## Today's events

Royal engagements: The Prince Michael of Kent visits the Ronaldway Aircraft Company, Isle of Man, 9.30; departs Ronaldway Airport, 12.15; arrives Heathrow, 2.40.

## St. Bath: Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30 (ends Oct 25)

Still life: 60 paintings by 12 artists; Dover House Gallery, 108 High St, Berkhamsted; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Wed (ends Sept 26).

## Exhibitions in progress

Eric Fraser: Illustrator to a generation; Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 28).

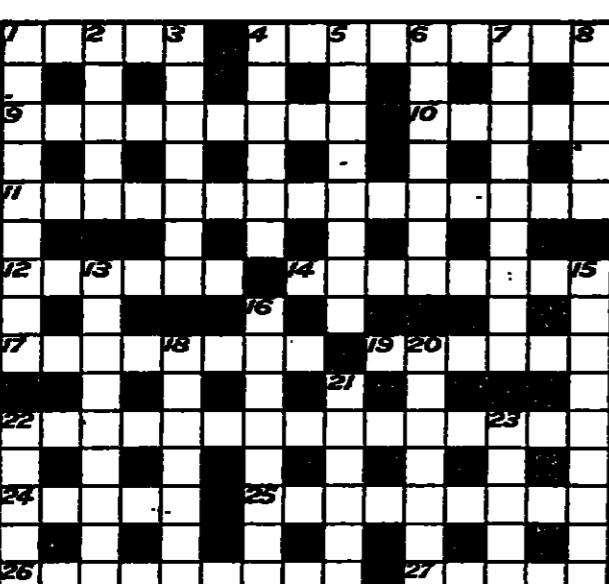
## Food prices

Discovery apples, introduced only in the last few years as an early English crop, are gaining rapidly in popularity. Crisp, sweet and juicy, they are recommended at around 30p a pound.

## Weather forecast

A weak trough of low pressure over Southern Scotland will be slow-moving. 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S, E, SW, NW, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, Wales, Channel Islands; Dry, sunny periods; wind variable, light; max temp 20C (68F).

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,143



ACROSS: 1 Measure to convert two into eight, say (5). 4 Dear, they'd have to change to get dry (9). 9 Victor Norman for instance (9). 12 Front features including a death's-head (6). 14 Told of longing to be in retirement homes for animals (8). 17 Author takes gin - a hazard, of course (4,4). 19 Shakespearean lady in Arabian castle (6). 22 His father, wrote Bentley, ought never to have occurred (6,3,6). 24 Country river in the Soviet Union (5). 25 Clairvoyance and ale all over the place along the sea-front (9). 26 Sailor with mission detailed to go to church, but straying (9). 27 Praise former ring, say (5).

## Top Films

The top box-office films in London: 1 Aliens 2 Highlander 3 Hannah and Her Sisters 4 The Room With A View 5 Target 6 The Color Purple 7 Pretty in Pink 8 Rosa Luxemburg 9 Cobra 10 Desert Hearts

## Top video rentals

1 (-) Aliens 2 (-) Highlander 3 (-) Hannah and Her Sisters 4 (-) The Room With A View 5 (-) Target 6 (-) The Color Purple 7 (-) Pretty in Pink 8 (-) Rosa Luxemburg 9 (-) Cobra 10 (-) Desert Hearts

## Anniversaries

Births: Louis XIV, King of France 1643-1715; Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 1638; Johann Sebastian Bach, youngest son of Johann Sebastian Bach, Leipzig, 1735; Robert Ferguson, poet, Edinburgh, 1750; Caspar Friedrich, painter, Greifswald, Germany, 1774; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Tasdorf, Germany, 1791; Victorian Sardes, playwright, Paris, 1831. Deaths: John Home, dramatist, Edinburgh, 1808; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Paris, 1857; Charles Péguy, poet, Vallery, France, 1914.

## Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 4.00 pm.

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## Roads

Wales and West: A55: Contraflow either side of Bodelwyddan Bypass delays between Abergyle and Northop. A372: Temporary traffic lights S of Somerset. M5: Lane closures between junctions 25 and 26 (Taunton/Welington).

## Road safety

The Department of Transport has launched a new advertising campaign aimed at reducing casualties to pedestrians, especially young children. Parents can apply for a free safety pack consisting of leaflets, a puzzle book, stickers and a notice board for their car.

## Rail guide

British Rail's new bi-annual timetable comes into operation on 29 September. The redesigned timetable covers the period up to 10 May 1987. Copies are available, price £2.95, from BR stations and travel centres.

## Lighting-up time

London 8.09 pm to 8.51 am. Bristol 8.18 pm to 8.00 am. Southampton 8.29 pm to 8.00 am. Manchester 8.29 pm to 8.56 am. Newcastle 8.29 pm to 8.14 am.

## Yesterday

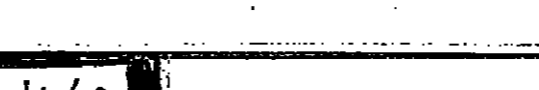
Table of stock market indices and prices for the previous day. Includes indices for the FTSE 100, DAX, Nikkei, and various regional indices like the Hong Kong and Singapore indices.

## Around Britain

Table of weather forecasts and high tide times for various locations across the British Isles, including London, Manchester, Liverpool, and Cardiff.

## Abroad

Table of international stock market indices for various countries, including Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 1986

Renewed growth around corner says Chancellor

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday hit back at recent gloomy forecasts for the economy.

Pound gains in strength

The pound strengthened yesterday in the wake of Wednesday's \$4 billion addition to the reserves through a massive fund-raising operation on the Euro-markets.

markets of a substantial shift into deficit next year. But excessive pay rises would damage the economy, he said.



Nigel Lawson: "We have experienced merely a brief pause and the outlook for next year and beyond remains good"

Directors slip in Euro pay league

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British managing directors are slipping in the European Economic Community pay league, judged on net salary after tax, they are down this year to sixth position from fifth in 1985.

In 12 months the net salary of the typical managing director of a company with a £10 million turnover rose by 5.5 per cent.

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Underwriting loss of £115m for Lloyd's

By Lawrence Lever

Lloyd's of London, the world's biggest insurers, yesterday announced its second successive year of heavy underwriting losses on the back of an optimistic outlook for the future performance of the market.

Yesterday's underwriting loss of £115 million refers to the performance of the Lloyd's market in 1985 as Lloyd's traditionally calculates its account three years in arrears.

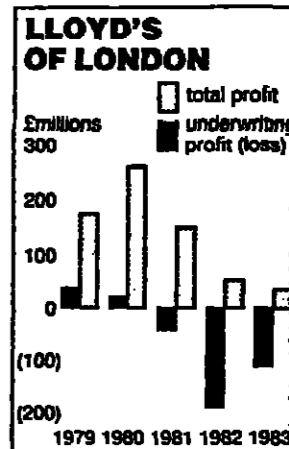
Last year Lloyd's suffered its worst ever underwriting result — a loss of £188 million — on the 1982 account.

Yesterday's figures, however, are distorted by losses allocated to the stricken PCW syndicates for 1983. These are estimated at £143 million in the global statement, published yesterday.

The overall result for the market — taking into account investment income — was a profit of £35.8 million, a reduction of more than £20 million on the previous year's market surplus of £57 million.

This represents a return of 1.4 per cent on premium income, a result which Mr Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's, says in his statement to the accounts "cannot be satisfactory".

The worst hit sector of the Lloyd's market was the non-marine account, which turned in an overall loss of £231 million after taking into account investment earnings.



LLOYD'S OF LONDON (Millions) ■ total profit □ underwriting profit (loss)

Contributory factors were asbestos claims and a number of catastrophes including Hurricane Alicia in the United States.

The results of the motor sector were also poor, with an overall profit down from £22.2 million to £6.8 million.

Mr Peter Stilwell, chairman of Lloyd's Motor Underwriters Association, said yesterday that the 9.4 per cent increase in premiums in 1985 was inadequate and that rates for 1986 would reveal a much higher percentage, producing heavy premium increases.

But Mr Miller, in his statement, says that Lloyd's, having doubled its premium capacity over the past three years, is well placed to take advantage of improving underwriting conditions.

Profits blow, page 27

Vital Allied bid to buy Hiram still on the boil

By Cliff Feltham

Allied-Lyons was still locked in negotiations to complete the £600 million purchase of Hiram Walker, the Canadian drinks business, last night despite some reports suggesting the deal — seen as a vital defence to ward off the Australian group Elders-IXL — was already wrapped up.

At the same time, Allied's share price fell sharply on the London stock market as speculation mounted that Elders, now given the go-ahead by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to bid for Allied, may prefer to buy the Courage brewing business instead.

Allied remains desperately keen to take over the wine and spirit arm of Hiram Walker which contains top selling brands such as Canadian Club, Ballantines, and Courvoisier.

Allied has been holding talks with Gulf Canada which won control of Hiram Walker Resources shortly after the previous management agreed to sell the business and then promptly blocked the sale.

An Allied spokesman in Canada was yesterday reported to have said agreement had been reached whereby the British company would assume majority control, but in London a spokesman said this was not the case.

The Allied board would feel a lot more comfortable once the deal is done in the knowledge that it would make the group much larger and more difficult for Elders to acquire.

However, Elders has said if it decided to renew its bid for Allied it would hand the Canadian business back to Gulf Canada at the same price paid by Allied.

But there was rising speculation yesterday that Mr John Elliott, Elders' chief executive, may prefer to buy Courage from its new owners, Hanson Trust.

Hanson and Elders yesterday declined to comment on the possibilities but a price of around £1.3 billion has been suggested.

SPP buys Sykes

SPP, which supplies fire fighting equipment, is nearly doubling its size with the acquisition of Henry Sykes, one of the country's largest suppliers of pumps used by mines, quarries and water authorities.

SPP is paying £4.2 million but will claw back most of its cost by rationalization, mainly through closing its Reading plant and relocating to the Henry Sykes factory at Gloucestershire. Over 200 jobs will go as part of the transfer.

Henry Sykes, part of the Alco Standard group, last year earned pretax profits of £144,000 on turnover of almost £22 million. SPP, which yesterday reported half time profits slightly down at £1.44 million on turnover of nearly £18 million, is expecting to substantially improve the performance of Henry Sykes.

Policy makers in Bonn and Tokyo, taking the view that the economic recovery is about to occur, naturally have refused to bow to pressure from Washington to provide an additional economic stimulus.

Cadbury up

The benefits of the restructuring of the Cadbury Schweppes group are beginning to show through in profits. The group announced that trading profit was up 9.7 per cent to £48.7 million for the six months to June 14, 1986, while lower interest charges allowed pretax profit to rise 27 per cent to £43.1 million.

Grovebell halt

Grovebell, the motor dealer and medical equipment supplier, halted dealings in its shares last night after receivers moved in at several of its subsidiaries. At the suspension price of 5p, the business is valued at £1.8 million.

Rivlin in talks

Talks between ID & S Rivlin and Marlborough Property Holdings may lead to a recommended offer by Rivlin for Marlborough. A further announcement will be made soon.

Coalite offer

The board of Hargreaves, the fuel and transport group, said it had noted Coalite's formal offer document and would send a detailed response soon.

TWD buys

Taylor Woodrow Developments, a subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow Property Company, has bought the site of the former Barkers Depository in South Kensington, London. It will develop 80 flats worth £16.5 million on completion.

German boost

West German industry orders rose 0.9 per cent in July after a 0.9 per cent rise in June.

STOCK MARKET

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THE POUND

US Dollar 1.5050 (+0.0045) W German mark 3.0544 (+0.0129) Trade-weighted 71.7 (+0.3)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10% 3-month interbank 9 3/4 - 9% 3-month eligible bills 9 1/2 - 9 3/4% buying rate US: Prime Rate 7 3/4% Federal Funds 5 1/4% 3-month Treasury Bills 5.22-5.20% 30-year bonds 9 7/8 - 10 1/8

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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GOLD

London Fixing: AM \$404.00 DM \$405.50 Close \$406.00-407.00 (2289.75-270.50) New York: Comex 3407.45-407.95

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) \$15.60pm bn\$15.35 Denotes latest trading price

Bunzl in £197.4m rights issue

By Teresa Poole

Bunzl, the paper, plastics and transportation company, yesterday announced a £197.4 million rights issue, a sign that its ambitious takeover programme still has further to go.

The company said its ability to take advantage of attractive new opportunities and make further significant acquisitions for cash was constrained by its capital base.

In the past 18 months, Bunzl has bought 24 companies, including United Parcels, Stewart Plastics and Robert Moss, at a total cost of £221 million, which has pushed borrowings up to almost £100 million.

Mr James White, managing director, said: "Our strategy is going to see a continuation of the pattern so far. We do not intend to use the proceeds for one blockbuster move." The chosen markets for expansion are Britain and the United States.

Bunzl also announced results for the first half of 1986, which showed a 43 per cent increase in pretax profits to £27.1 million on sales of £470 million, up from £406 million. A dividend increase of at least 20 per cent is forecast for the full year.

Terms of the rights issue are one new share at 195p for every three shares held. Net proceeds, after expenses, will be £190.8 million. Bunzl's shares, which at first fell to 213p, closed 12p lower at 223p.

Over the past five years, Mr White has reduced Bunzl's dependence on the manufacture of cigarette filters and built up a company with five strong operating divisions — distribution, merchanting, transportation, filters, and related industrial activities. There are now more than 100 operating companies, with around a quarter of profits arising in the US.

Nationwide Building Society has revealed its plans for the new year of financial freedoms for building societies.

It is the first major building society to indicate how it intends to exploit the opportunities available when the Building Societies Act 1986 comes into force in January.

Customers will be offered a measured, rather cautious package of services in 1987, although the possibility of more radical change in the future cannot be excluded. The most significant

Deadline for TSB customers

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Today is the last day on which Trustee Savings Bank customers can apply for priority in the flotation of the bank this month.

More than one and half million of the bank's four million customers eligible for priority have registered, but the bank is urging any who have not yet done so to register at their branches before close of banking business today.

The TSB said yesterday that the total number of people registering interest in buying shares had almost reached three million.

Anyone who has a TSB account, opened on or before December 17, 1984, is eligible for priority, which will ensure that they are allocated shares in the £1 billion-plus issue, but they must register the fact with the TSB.

Until last Friday this could be done by telephone through the bank's share information office, but it can now only be done through the branch in which the account is held. Most TSB branches are open between 9.30am and 3.30pm, although some stay open until 7pm.

Customers should produce proof that they hold an account, such as a chequebook or passbook, to speed up the process. Anyone who believes they have an account, but has no proof, may miss the deadline at this stage.

The share information office said: "They should go straight to their TSB branch first thing in the morning and it may be possible to sort it out before the end of the day. But if the account cannot be found before the close of business the customer will not get his priority status."

US blocks imports of phone booths in steel quota dispute

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Like soldiers who have fought a bitter war, several of London's famed red telephone booths are lined up on a Los Angeles customs dock, victims of a bureaucratic battle over steel quotas which can only be described as a breakdown in communications.

All 30,000 of the cast iron booths, symbols as familiar to Americans as the British bobby and the London cabbie, have been purchased by London Telephone Box Company, a firm which hopes to sell the booths here for up to \$3,000 (£2,000) each.

Several of the 1,500 lbs booths have already made their way on to the US market where they were snapped up by eager Americans, who plan to use them as garden ornaments or household curiosities.

Suddenly the transatlantic flow of booths, scheduled to continue over the next seven years as British Telecom phases them out of the London scene, came to a grinding halt.

The long arm of US customs officials reached out and reclassified the booths as fabricated steel in a category called "other — other" in a complex agreement restricting European steel imports into the United States.

The booths have now become an international incident with US, British and European Community officials hovering in private meetings and speeding telexes across the Atlantic in a desperate effort to resolve the dispute.

A large part of the problem is communication. British officials maintain that by no stretch of the imagination can a cast iron box, made also of wood and glass, be classified as steel.

Officials said it is absurd to

Sanctions may push coal up

World coal prices could rise by almost \$10 a tonne if the European Economic Community applied an effective ban on supplies from South Africa, according to Mr Allen Cook, chairman of the collieries committee of the South African Chamber of Mines.

The International Coal Report says Australian steaming coal fetched \$35 a tonne, FOB Europe, last week, while South African coal of slightly inferior quality cost \$30.50.

The coal sector would probably be the worst hit of all South Africa's export industries if sanctions were introduced. Coal earned the country about R3.1 billion (£832 million) last year.

extend an agreement, meant to cover heavy steel structural products such as bridges and all rigs, to an "antique" which is being sold in the States as an ornament.

However, ludicrous as it may sound, the incident of the booths is capable of creating great havoc.

If the telephone booths are counted against Britain's steel quota, other UK companies will lose out.

"We do not have much licence left for fabricated structures; a couple of phone booths could use it all up," said a British embassy official.

London Telephone Box Company, said yesterday if the dispute is not resolved quickly, it will be forced out of business.

A US customs official said all will be resolved when the British shippers send over new documents.

Portals advertisement including text: 'BANKNOTE AND SECURITY PAPER · WATER TREATMENT · ENGINEERING', 'Interim Report 1986', 'Results for the half-year ended 30th June 1986', a table with financial data, and 'Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Secretary', 'Portals Holdings PLC', 'Lavershock Mill, Whitechurch, Hans, RG28 7NR. Telephone: (0256-82) 2360.'

BOOTS

The Boots Company PLC. Turnover in year ending 31 March 1986: £2,126,100,000. Source: Annual Report 29/3/86.

Table with multiple columns listing various stocks and their performance metrics.

WALL STREET

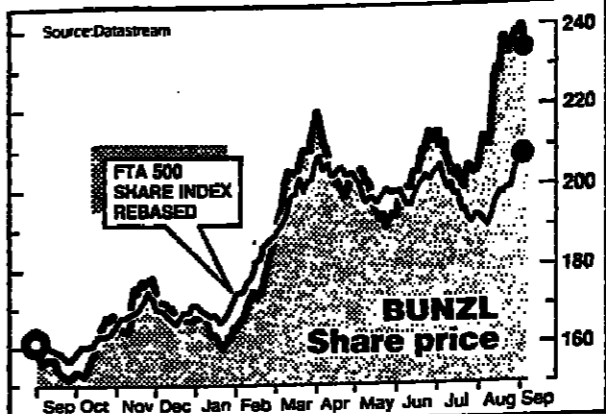
Dow gains continue in early trading

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares continued to move up in early trading yesterday, after the sharp gains in the previous day's trading. Retailers strengthened the market with buoyant sales figures for last month. A strong bond market also encouraged investors. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.61 points at 1,887.94. Advancing issues led

Table with columns for 'Sep 3', 'Sep 2', and 'Sep 1' listing various stocks and their price changes.

Slim Cadbury wants to grow

Cadbury Schweppes has slimmed itself down to its two main activities, confectionery and soft drinks, having disposed of £120 million worth of assets in non-core businesses and after spending £105 million on acquisitions (Canada Dry). The company is now engaging in the battle for growth on two fronts; to sustain and increase its market leadership in non-cola carbonated drinks and to build up its market share in US confectionery.



shares, which at one point had dropped to 213p, closed only 10p lower at 225p. The money is needed to finance an undiminished appetite for acquisitions. Already this year there have been 14, bringing the total to 24 - at a cost of £221 million - since the February 1985 rights issue, which raised £55 million. Sadly for Brammer's shareholders, who are hardly thriving through independence, no one major takeover is planned. Instead, Bunzl will concentrate on building its five divisions through a step-by-step approach already seen.

Interim results for the half year to June 14 show a 27.5 per cent gain in pretax profit to £43.1 million. An important source of this improvement is the fall in the interest charge from £14.5 million to £8.7 million. The cash from disposals gave £2 million of this, lower interest rates accounted for £2.1 million and the rest was attributable both to lower borrowings and exchange rates for once moving in the right direction. With a 26 per cent market share in the British chocolate market, Cadbury has been obliged to look overseas for growth. Confectionery sales in the first half were buoyant in most parts of the world, while the group's difficulties in the US appear to have been largely overcome. In the US, the management guilty of overselling to the trade in 1984 has been replaced with a new team. The previous management's failure to stimulate demand from the consumer was directly responsible for the disastrous performance in 1985 when Cadbury was unable to sell much chocolate to wholesalers who were trying to clear out old lines before they went stale. Stocks of chocolate in the

traded have come down to normal levels, and new lines are being introduced with promotional back-up aimed at the consumer. The benefits are apparent in a modest profit in North America for the interim period of £800,000, compared with a loss of £1.8 million last year.

The shares are on a prospective multiple of about 13.5. The price has been supported by speculative interest for the last few months and this shows no sign of going away. Babcock The familiar Babcock, a designer and manufacturer of power generators, is in decay. Rising, phoenix-like, from the ashes is the new Babcock, a producer of a range of engineering products, from automotive and furniture hardware to cable controls and chain products. The company has been spending £5 million a year on restructuring and this process will continue. The new Babcock is now responsible for 41 per cent of group turnover and 55 per cent of group profit. It accounts for 51 per cent of capital employed

compared with 33 per cent in 1980. Trading profit for the first six months of 1986 was up by 29 per cent, to £18.3 million. However, the cost to the balance sheet has been heavy and the increase in the interest charge meant that the pretax profit rose by only 7 per cent, to £16 million. Nevertheless, by the year-end, the debt-equity ratio should be similar to its end-1985 level of just under 40 per cent.

Babcock International should make a pretax profit of £36 million for 1986 as a whole. At the current price of 183p, the shares are on a prospective multiple of 9.9 times. This rating takes no account of any orders for the power group, which would be regarded as a bonus, nor of the changing mix of business.

Bunzl Bunzl has become as deft at issuing its own paper as at distributing other people's. Expectations of a few quiet months while the company digested yesterday's were dashed yesterday. But a strong set of interim results eased the way for the hefty £197 million cash call and the

CANADIAN PRICES table listing various Canadian stocks and their prices.

A340 to go ahead, says Airbus chief

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent M Jean Pierson, president of Airbus Industrie, yesterday reaffirmed the group's decision to go ahead with the A340 long-range airliner to compete with the Boeing 747 jumbo jet. The building of the four-engine aircraft and a smaller version - the A330 - are expected to be given formal approval by the European consortium before the end of the year. But uncertainty over the future of the A340, for which British Aerospace will produce the high technology wings, has surfaced at the Farnborough Air Show. McDonald Douglas, the United States aircraft maker, has indicated its unwillingness to proceed with the proposed collaboration with Airbus on the ground that its new MD-11 airliner would compete directly with the A340. McDonald is clearly committed to the MD-11 programme. But M Pierson said yesterday that "trying to induce people into believing that the issue is MD-11 versus A340 is a farce." The A340 would be ideal for use on secondary long-range routes and the MD11 was not an obvious replacement for the 747. However, M Pierson saw the potential co-operation between the two companies as "a new model of relationship between Airbus partners." Airbus, he said, could envisage collaboration with the American company based on the idea that McDonald could become the US partner on Airbus, the American arm of the consortium. In an interview with Show Daily, a journal circulating at the Farnborough show, M Pierson added: "I do not want to see co-operation based on the A330/MD-11 duo with the 340 being abandoned, each company making bits and pieces of the other's aircraft in order to materialize a co-operative process." British Aerospace is expected to seek substantial Government funding for its share of the A330-A340 work.

Voice-systems planned for aircraft control

By Our Industrial Correspondent Pilots will be able, within the next decade, to control their aircraft simply by speech, according to scientists at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. The RAE revealed at the Farnborough Air Show that a BAC 1-11 airliner had been flown extensively by a pilot using a speech recognition system. Further tests have taken place in a Wessex helicopter and Buccaneer fighter. Such systems could be in use, by 1995 in military aircraft and earlier in civil airliners, the RAE said. Speech recognition systems free a pilot's hands during landing and take-off. But a voice system could also be used by air traffic control operators for "talking down" aircraft automatically. One of the military applications being studied is for the

Interim Results: 24 Weeks ended 14th June 1986. Table with columns for Half Year 1986 and Half Year 1985, and rows for Sales, Trading Profit, Profit before Tax, Earnings per Share, Dividends per Share.

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- Canada Dry - World-wide rights acquired for \$140m (£93m).
• Dr. Pepper - \$17.5m (£12m) invested for 30% share.
• These two key investments give Cadbury Schweppes international leadership in the non-cola carbonated soft drinks market.
• Beverages & Foods Division sold for £97m.
• Cadbury Schweppes' New Zealand business sold to Cadbury Schweppes Australia in return for increased shareholding.
• Sale of the Health and Hygiene Division and other non core businesses will enable the company to concentrate on those businesses it knows best - confectionery and soft drinks.
• Increased earnings per share and an increased dividend highlight significant progress in the first half of 1986.
"I am confident that the progress made in the first six months will be continued throughout the year."

Adrian Cadbury Chairman

SALES AND TRADING PROFIT BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGION. Table with columns for Half Year, Sales, and Trading Profit for 1986 and 1985, broken down by region.

The cash dividend will be paid on October 27th to shareholders on the Register of Members at the close of business on 25th September 1986. A scrip alternative is available to shareholders. Copies of the full statement will be sent to all shareholders and further copies are available from Department S, The Secretary Cadbury Schweppes plc, 1-4 Connaught Place, London W2 2EX.

UNDERWOOD

Underwoods plc. Turnover in year ending 31 January 1986: £37,570,000. Source: Annual Report 20/3/86.

WHICH CHEMIST CHAIN LOOKS HEALTHIEST FOR THE PRIVATE INVESTOR?

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Shorts wins US orders

Shorts of Belfast has won orders for 16 of its 360 regional and commuter airliners from three United States customers. Simmons Airlines of Michigan, the biggest 360 order in the world, has ordered 11. CC Air of North Carolina has ordered two and a new airline,

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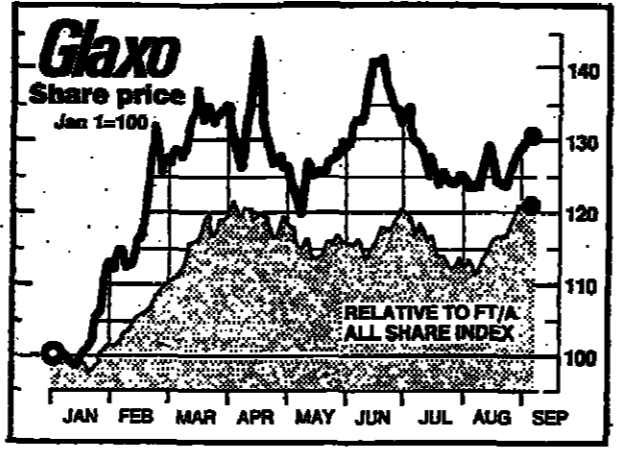
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Dealers believe MEPC may be planning £100m 'rights'

By Michael Clark

The latest bout of euphoria in the equity market was revived yesterday... The subject of constant bid talk in recent months with some of the big names in property being mentioned.

STOCK MARKET REPORT



bumper figures. Peninsular & Oriental rose by 5p to 546p, after 550p. Sir Jeffrey Sterling, the chairman, met a large number of fund managers at a seminar arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker, last night and obviously made a favourable impression.

and is recommending them as a "buy" to clients. He believes the price still has room for improvement. Still anxiously waiting to see if Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, will relaunch its bid following the all-clear from the Monopolies Commission.

But already there are whispers in the market that Elders has decided to look elsewhere in Britain to expand its interests. One suggestion is that it is in talks with Hanson Trust about its Courage brewery interests.

COMMENT

Treasury has second thoughts on sterling

The opportunist move by the Treasury to borrow \$4 billion to bolster Britain's foreign exchange reserves at favourable rates has unleashed much speculation about Britain's exchange rate policy.

Anything is possible and Mr Bootle makes a perfectly good case for aligning sterling with the mark and franc this autumn. Sterling has fallen sharply against the EMS currencies to help Britain's trade balance within the European Community.

While the details may be new, the case for joining has been convincing for years. But British governments have fought shy and Margaret Thatcher personally stopped the last bandwagon in its tracks.

Women need direction

A corporate woman rampaging to success in what appears to be less and less of a man's world always catches the headlines. The statistics are less encouraging, at any rate for those women who feel they deserve a better place in business.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Time Month Starting, Open, High, Low, Close, End Val. Includes data for 3-month sterling, 6-month sterling, etc.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: Company Name, Price, Change. Includes Hughes Food (25p), Wincorner (100p), etc.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns: Market rates, Sterling spot and forward rates. Includes N.York, London, etc.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns: First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, For Settlement. Includes Call options, Put options, etc.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table with columns: Series, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep. Includes various stock options like Allied Lyons, BP, etc.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Activity seldom strayed beyond the short dates and the one month. The market was very subdued as hopes of a cut by the banks bese rate of deposit came in some easing in the ones but not much else.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table with columns: Country, Rate. Includes Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, etc.

GOLD

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AMEV Ahead at Half Year. Advertisement for AMEV insurance services, including a large logo and text describing their international insurance and financial services.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for fund names, bid/offer prices, and changes. Includes sections for various fund categories like Equity, Income, and Bond.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table listing unlisted securities with columns for company names, prices, and changes.

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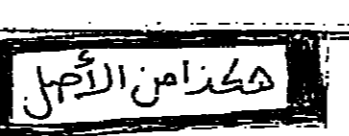
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COMMODITIES

Table listing commodity prices for various goods like metals, oil, and grains.





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Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Price, Change, % Change, High, Low. Lists various companies like American, Nat Asst Bk, Bank of Scotland, etc.

Please be sure to take account of any minus signs

Table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Total. Section: Weekly Dividend. Includes text: Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Advance continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end September 12. Contango day September 15. Settlement day September 22. \*Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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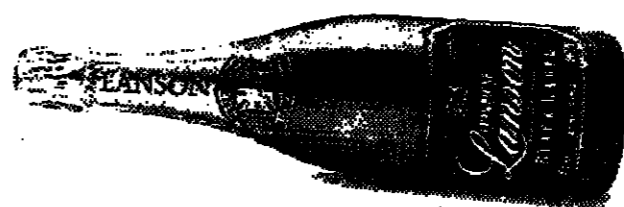
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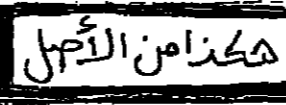


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Heron director moves to Hollis

Hollis: Mr Colin Robinson becomes joint managing director of the furniture and timber division. Heron Motor Group: Mr John Turner has been made managing director...



John Turner Mook, Mr AB Butler, Mr AS Perelman and Mr F Dea are non-executive directors...

£143m PCW blow to Lloyd's profits

Lloyd's global results for 1983, published yesterday would look vastly different were it not for the fact that they include losses on the troubled PCW syndicates.

The PCW losses for the 1983 underwriting year were £143 million and converted an actual underwriting profit of £23 million into a £115 million loss.

The table shows Lloyd's made an overall profit (including investment income) in eight of the nine classes, the one exception being general liability which takes in matters such as professional indemnity insurance and product liability.

The general liability sector accounts for approximately 12 per cent of the total premium income generated at Lloyd's.

The syndicates also insured a very high proportion of North American liability business, which has been very unprofitable in the past few years.

The global figures reflect the total returns from all classes of insurance business transacted at Lloyd's.

The improvements which

he was referring to are signs of increasing realism in the North American liability market where reforms in the law of tort ought to make recovery by claimants less easy than at present.

Mr Robin Jackson, chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters Non-Marine Association, however, cautioned against regarding the North American problem as already solved.

Another sector giving cause for concern, although managing to show an overall profit of £5.8 million, is the motor sector.

Mr Peter Stilwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Motor Underwriters' Association, said in a statement accompanying the global figures that the prognosis for the immediate future was not good.

Table with 4 columns: 1983(£m), 1982(£m), 1981(£m), 1980(£m). Rows include categories like ACCIDENT AND HEALTH, MOTOR, DAMAGE AND LIABILITY, AIRCRAFT DAMAGE AND LIABILITY, SHIPS, DAMAGE AND LIABILITY, GOODS IN TRANSIT, PROPERTY DAMAGE, GENERAL LIABILITY, PECUNIARY LOSS, LIFE.

COMPANY NEWS

Cookson rises to peak £43m in first half

Pretax profits of the London-based Cookson Group, which makes specialist materials for industry, rose from £36.6 million to £43 million in the first half of this year.

The interim dividend is being raised from 2.4p to 2.75p. It will be paid on November 28. Earnings per share were up from 18.8p to 19.4p.

The board reports that the results for the half-year are a fresh record, continuing the progress which the group has achieved in recent years.

Cookson's materials division experienced difficult conditions and was affected by continuing development expenditure, but helped by a good contribution from the Hordell Group.

METAL CLOSURES: Six months to June 28. Interim dividend 2.2p (same). Turnover £39.25 million (£42.62 million).

WORLD OF LEATHER: Half-year to June 30. Turnover £5.44 million (£4.34 million). Pretax profit: £551,000 (£489,000).

JAMES FISHER: Six months to June 30 (comparisons restated). Interim dividend 1.65p (1.6p).

PHOENIX TIMBER: In a circular to shareholders concerning the results for the year to March 31 last, the open offer and the refinancing proposals announced recently, the board says it is not possible to make a dividend forecast but the directors hope to pay a dividend for the year ending March 31, 1987.

THEME HOLDINGS: Turnover for the six months to April 30 £1.65 million (£1.28 million). Pretax profit £51,000 (£15,000).

SANTOS: Six months to June 30. Net profit Aus\$41.52 million (£17 million), against Aus\$64.61 million. Sales Aus\$218.73 million (Aus\$242.19 million).

COLES MYER: Year to July 27. Net profit Aus\$181.92 million (£74.46 million), against Aus\$126.3 million. Sales

Aus\$10.41 billion (Aus\$6.13 billion). Other income Aus\$47.42 million (Aus\$32.47 million). Total dividend unchanged at 21 cents. TIOXIDE: Half-year to June 30 (comparisons restated). Turnover £242.69 million (£221.56 million).



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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Shocking tale of a new Alfa

One of the most frustrating but occasionally rewarding choices of a motoring journalist is attempting to obtain satisfaction for a dissatisfied new car owner.

She returned to the garage ten times between January and December 1985 with such problems as total failure of the electronics, rusting on body and wheels, petrol filler cap jammed, bumper defective, dashboard warning lights on all the time.

In October the dealer persuaded Mrs Thomas that she would be better off part exchanging the Alfa 33 for a bigger and more expensive Guilietta. But it too began to give trouble and after repair work it was returned with dents in a door and the bonnet.

At this stage, she appealed direct to the manufacturer, but with little success because its UK company was in the process of being sold by Alfa Romeo Italy to the British group Tozer, Kemsley and Millbourne.

On August 1 Mrs Thomas complained that her Guilietta had rust in places on the resprayed body, alleged damage as a result of remedial work and three problems scheduled for repair but not completed.

When I took up the cudgels on her behalf a spokesman for Alfa Romeo GB said: "We have now decided to take Mrs Thomas' car to our new headquarters complex at Dover where it will be completely resprayed and oven-baked in our modern paintshop.

Which magazine yesterday reported that Alfa Romeo cars had the worst warranty claims record of the 20 different makes sold in Britain.

Despite the fact that Alfa Romeo cars had the best performance record of the 20 different makes sold in Britain.

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BMW 325i Cabriolet: Revels in fast motorway driving ROAD TEST BMW 325i Convertible

Manufacturers are wily enough to realize that in our climate open-top cars are only desirable transport for a few summer months each year.

Given those sort of conditions, it is not surprising that most of us who yearn for open air motoring when the sun shines settle for a saloon with a sliding sun roof panel.

Despite the extra noise from the hood, the BMW 325i convertible revels in fast motorway driving. It has been said many times but is worth repeating that the 2.5 litre BMW six-cylinder is one of the world's outstandingly smooth engines.

The engineers at Munich have used a belt and braces approach to the old problem of body flexing and scuttle shake which so often results from cutting away the roof.

There is so much reinforcing steel and additional welding that the convertible weighs an astonishing 2½ cwt more than the saloon.

Vital statistics Model: BMW 325i Cabriolet Price: £16,485 Engine: 2494cc six cylinder injected Performance: 0 to 60 mph 8.4 seconds, maximum speed 134 mph

Official consumption: Urban 22.8 mpg, 100 mph 4.1 mpg and 75 mph 34.4 mpg. Length: 14.2 feet maximum speed of 134 mph — with the roof closed, of course — is only one mile an hour less.

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RACING: VETERAN PUERTO RICAN JOCKEY BOOKED TO PARTNER FAVOURITE IN SUNDAY'S PHOENIX CHAMPION STAKES

# Fast pace may play into the hands of Bakharoff

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Twelve months ago, Lord Howard de Walden, Henry Cecil, and Steve Causton pinned their hopes of winning the Phoenix Stakes on Slip Anchor, who endeavoured to lead from start to finish but just failed to beat Shernazar's sustained late challenge.

Now the same combination of owner, trainer, and jockey are banking upon Rakaposhi King, who, ironically, was bought last December to act as Slip Anchor's pacemaker. If the pattern of past events is repeated, Rakaposhi King will have to make all the running because that is his way of racing.

Again though, his connections could be disappointed. For while the strong gallop that he invariably sets will probably expose the stamina limitations of Tremblant and Wylla, it should play into the hands of Greville Starkey and Bakharoff, who represents classic form, having been placed in both the French and Irish Derbies.

More recently, Bakharoff came good over a bit further when he beat Sirk to land the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury. Having been pacemaker for Shafrastani at Ascot and Shardari at York, Dihistan now has an opportunity to star in his own right again. Judged on the way that he won the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, he is not out of contention but, at weight-for-age, Bakharoff is preferred.

Morewoods, unbeaten until he finished only fourth in the Gimcrack Stakes at York, is given a good chance of regaining the winning trail in the Phoenix Stakes.



Bakharoff (left), seen here beating Sirk in Newbury's Geoffrey Freer Stakes, tackles a shorter trip in today's September Stakes at Kempton. Mandarin expects another victory

was his ideal distance on good fast ground. Since then, he has never looked back. Successive victories at Pontefract, Hamilton and Pontefract again were followed by a highly commendable run at York where he was beaten only three-quarters of a length by Diggle's Rest in a highly-competitive valuable handicap.

Amrose will prove hard to beat in the Euclid Handicap if she runs anywhere near as well as she did at Newmarket last month when she was beaten only a length by that much-improved sprinter, Catherine's Well.

Finally, punters at Haydock are faced with a difficult choice for the Jack Rubin Trophy between Angara Abyss and Wolsey. While the latter is unbeaten, the former boasts the better credentials of late and he is preferred.

# Resilient Cordero steps in for plum ride on Triptych

By Michael Seely

Angel Cordero will partner Triptych in the £400,000 Phoenix Champion Stakes on Sunday. Yves St-Martin has been claimed by the Aga Khan to ride at Longchamp the same afternoon, so Patrick Blomquist has booked the 43-year-old Puerto Rican-born jockey for Alan Cordero's gallant filly, as she seeks to make amends for her recent defeats by Daning Brave and Shardari in Europe's richest 10-furlong event.

The rider has certainly been in the news since his last visit to Europe when he persuaded Embra to swoop to that dramatic victory in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket last October. After a fall on the first bend at Ascot on March 5, Cordero was trampled on his liver was lacerated and his left leg fractured in the accident.

After a four-hour operation he spent 20 days in hospital and several weeks on crutches before showing his resilience by bouncing back with a double on his return to the saddle at Belmont Park on July 13.

Cordero has won nearly every major race in the North American calendar, including three Kentucky Derbys and the Preakness Stakes twice. He has also claimed the coveted Eclipse Award on three occasions and, together with Willie Shoemaker and Lafitte Pinney, is one of only three jockeys to have earned their prize money over \$100 million in prize money.

Other jockey news on the big race front is that Michael Stoute has engaged Tony Murray for Coloprin. The only proviso is that Willie Carson will still ride if Sharron is withdrawn. The trainer about the filly who finished fourth to Untold at the Ebor meeting after winning the Irish Oaks so easily.

Shahrazadani is being bet on the Phoenix Stakes as follows: 5-1 Triptych, 6-1 Coloprin, Park Express and Wise Counsellor. On the Cambridgeshire front, the London firm reported an early win by Tremblant, who is now clear favourite at 12-1 after being laid to lose £45,000 at 16-1.

It was also announced yesterday that Ray Cochrane had been engaged to ride all the horses owned by Terry Ramsden in 1987. Talking about his agreement with the nation's most fearless punter, the 29-year-old jockey said: "It is a fairly classic arrangement, which will leave me free to take a lot of outside mounts. With victories in the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks on Midway Lady to his credit this year, Cochrane is enjoying his best-ever season with a total of 64 winners already under his belt.

At York yesterday, Cash Amussen showed us exactly why American jockeys are so much in demand and also why the 26-year-old rider has landed the coveted Ballydoyle retainer English-trained raiders. There is nothing between Amaro Socio (Simon Whitworth), Pacesetter (Tony Murray) or Coventry Stakes form but both were a little disappointing last time out and the fourth English challenger, Mister Majestic (Ray Cochrane), may provide more danger.

Catherine's Well (Cochrane) will be aiming to maintain Lester Piggott's 100 per cent record with his runners ahead by winning the Preis der Stadt Baden-Baden over 10 furlongs. However, from the three other

## KEMPTON PARK C4

Going: good. Draw: 1-10 low numbers best.

- 2.5 GEORFREY HAMILYN HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,842: 1m) (10 runners)
- 101 121 SHANNON VALISE (USA) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-8. G Foster (7) 2
- 102 104212 ATCH WYSE (GB) (P. Winkler) J Dunlop 9-4. G Foster (7) 2
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## 3.40 NONPRINT SEPTEMBER STAKES (Group III: £17,210: 1m 30y) (7)

2.5 Turfah (nap), 2.35 Fritvole, 3.5 Morewoods, 3.40 Bakharoff, 4.10 Cocotte, 4.40 Almarose.

- 402 412321 DIHNATAN (H H Aga Khan) M Stone 4-2. W Sherrin 5
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## Protection to go hurdling

By Christopher Goulding

Despite Jim Joel's recent announcement that he is to sell his breeding bloodstock, the veteran owner will continue to have horses in training and he has a particularly strong team for the new National Hunt season.

Protection, winner of the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot last year when trained by Henry Cecil, looks a high-class recruit to hurdling in the distinguished colours of black jacket and scarlet cap.

The four-year-old gelding has joined Andy Turnbull at East Hendred, Tunbridge Wells, and the veteran owner will continue to have horses in training and he has a particularly strong team for the new National Hunt season.

The Turbell family have had a long association with Joel, Andy Turbell numerous winners for him trained by his father, Bob. "Mr Joel has been very good to me, I have a tremendous respect for him," says the veteran, who is now in the hands of a new owner, Glynor, a young horse, Paul Fry, running for him this year.

Joel Gifford, who shares the training of the Joel National Hunt horse, with Turbell, has high hopes for Midnight Count, who made a big impression over hurdles last year with victories at Cheltenham and Sandown Park.

"I will send him straight over fences this year," Gifford said. "He is a fine bit horse and will not be out until late October, probably at one of the Park courses."

Doob Latch, a first fence faller in last year's Grand National, will again be trained for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in which he finished third last year.

## HAYDOCK PARK

Going: good. Draw: 6-11 low numbers best.

- 2.15 MERSESDALE POLICE MOUNTED DIVISION CENTENARY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,054: 1m) (6 runners)
- 2 02 COZMANT (USA) (H. Harwood) 9-4. A Clark 7
- 3 002 DIB AND A DUCKLING 9-4. W Williams 14
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## 2.45 ST ANNE'S NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,452: 8f) (20)

- 2 1320 GULN AGAM (GB) (J. Ebbinger) 9-7. W Wood 1
- 3 034 BURN FIVE AGAIN (GB) (L. Piggott) 8-11. T Lucas 10
- 4 034 BURN FIVE AGAIN (GB) (L. Piggott) 8-11. T Lucas 10
- 5 034 BURN FIVE AGAIN (GB) (L. Piggott) 8-11. T Lucas 10
- 6 034 BURN FIVE AGAIN (GB) (L. Piggott) 8-11. T Lucas 10

## 2.15 DAWN LUCK 2.45 MRS MILDRETH 3.15 RIBGIFT 3.45 STORMY PROSPECT 4.15 WOLSEY 4.45 PRINCESS WEDDIE 5.10 MISS PRECARIOUS 5.35 TRYNOVA.

## 4.45 CLAUDE HARRISON CHALLENGER TROPHY (Handicap: £2,402: 5f) (17)

- 2 002 ANDROX LAD (GB) (M. Stammers) 8-4. J Field 12
- 3 024 CHARLINS CLUB (USA) (R. D. O'Connell) 8-4. J Field 12
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## 5.10 BIRKDALE SELLING STAKES (Div III: 2-Y-O: £1,240: 1m 40y) (13)

- 2 000 FINLEX DEBEN (GB) (P. Winkler) 8-11. G Foster 2
- 3 000 FINLEX DEBEN (GB) (P. Winkler) 8-11. G Foster 2
- 4 000 FINLEX DEBEN (GB) (P. Winkler) 8-11. G Foster 2
- 5 000 FINLEX DEBEN (GB) (P. Winkler) 8-11. G Foster 2
- 6 000 FINLEX DEBEN (GB) (P. Winkler) 8-11. G Foster 2

## 5.35 BIRKDALE SELLING STAKES (Div III: 2-Y-O: £1,240: 1m 40y) (13)

- 2 040 GRAYL BAR (GB) (J. Ebbinger) 9-12. T Lucas 7
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## Future foal for auction

By Phil McLennan

A racehorse, as yet unchosen, is to be auctioned at the Big Bang City Ball in London on September 25. The foal from a future mating between Elegant Air and Jade Ring will be one of the leading lots at the ball's charity auction, to be run by British Bloodstock.

The Elegant Air nomination has been donated by the Aston Park stud, where his covering fee is normally 10,000 guineas. By Shirley Heights out of the Sea Bird II mare, Elegant Term, Elegant Air won six races for Ian Balding including two group races over 10 furlongs as a four-year-old.

Jade Ring, appropriately by Auction Ring, was a useful handicapper when trained by James Toller and won two competitive Newmarket races over seven furlongs as a four-year-old. Brian McInerney's mare is currently in foal to Bustard.

Lester Piggott has already agreed to train the Elegant Air-Jade Ring foal and the ball organizers are hoping to arrange a sponsor for insurance and training fees so that the new owner will have no bills to pay. Proceeds from the ball will go to Cancer Research. Among the other items to be auctioned are cars, yachts and paintings.

## HEREFORD

Going: firm

- 2.0 YOVCHURCH NOVICE HURDLE (2686: 2m 4f) (13 runners)
- 2 00-1 BERNISH LADY (GB) (M. Stammers) 5-11-3. T. Wall
- 3 00-1 BERNISH LADY (GB) (M. Stammers) 5-11-3. T. Wall
- 4 00-1 BERNISH LADY (GB) (M. Stammers) 5-11-3. T. Wall
- 5 00-1 BERNISH LADY (GB) (M. Stammers) 5-11-3. T. Wall

## 2.30 ORCOP SELLING STAKES (2604: 2m) (8)

- 3 0F-1 FRISKY NOB (GB) (C. J. Cook) 4-11-10. A Murphy (7) 6
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- 6 0F-1 FRISKY NOB (GB) (C. J. Cook) 4-11-10. A Murphy (7) 6
- 7 0F-1 FRISKY NOB (GB) (C. J. Cook) 4-11-10. A Murphy (7) 6

## 3.0 CRAWSWELL NOVICE CHASE (21,514: 2m) (9)

- 1 0F-1 COUNTRY SPARK (GB) (P. R. Brown) 8-11-3. D. Chan
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## Course specialists

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TRAINER: H. Cecil. 21 winners from 61 runners, 41.2% w/fm, 7 from 26, 21.5%.  
**HAYDOCK**  
TRAINER: Cecil. 25 winners from 69 runners, 37.7% w/fm, 18 from 64, 28.1%. 6 H/H, 19 from 81, 23.4%.  
**HEREFORD**  
TRAINER: Cecil. 25 winners from 61 runners, 41.2% w/fm, 7 from 26, 21.5%.  
**Worcester**  
TRAINER: Cecil. 25 winners from 61 runners, 41.2% w/fm, 7 from 26, 21.5%.

## Hereford selections

By Mandarin

- 2.0 Bernish Lady, 2.30 Manbratan Boy, 3.0 Official Dress, 3.30 Vale Challenge, 4.0 Professor Plum, 4.30 Koffi.
- 4.0 MICHAELCHURCH HANDICAP CHASE (22,145: 2m 4f) (8)
- 1 2P-1 GLENHIRE (GB) (C. J. Cook) 9-11-10. R. Dwyer
- 2 2P-1 GLENHIRE (GB) (C. J. Cook) 9-11-10. R. Dwyer
- 3 2P-1 GLENHIRE (GB) (C. J. Cook) 9-11-10. R. Dwyer
- 4 2P-1 GLENHIRE (GB) (C. J. Cook) 9-11-10. R. Dwyer
- 5 2P-1 GLENHIRE (GB) (C. J. Cook) 9-11-10. R. Dwyer

## York results

Going: good  
2.45 (1m) 1. URFAN (W. Carson) 9-2; 2. Middlebrook (S. Causton) 25-1; 3. Nellie (H. Cecil) 12-1; 4. Maresfield (W. Carson) 25-1.  
3.30 (1m) 1. BERNISH LADY (M. Stammers) 5-11-3; 2. Manbratan Boy (S. Causton) 25-1; 3. Official Dress (S. Causton) 25-1; 4. Professor Plum (S. Causton) 25-1; 5. Koffi (S. Causton) 25-1.

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FOOTBALL: TROUBLESOME TIES FOR FIRST DIVISION CLUBS IN LITTLEWOODS CUP

Wimbledon meet old friends from their days as giantkillers

Wimbledon yesterday faced up to an unfamiliar challenge in the second round of the Littlewoods Cup. The former Southern League side, which has swept all the way to the top of the first division in nine seasons, are paired with fourth division leaders, Cambridge United.

As the manager, Dave Bassett, said: "This time roles are reversed. We are the team people want to beat, whereas in the past we have been the giantkillers. And to add some spice it is the first time we will have met Cambridge since our Southern League days."

Cambridge United, who went to the bottom of the first division on Wednesday night, have home advantage first against the third division side, Port Vale. United, without a point from three games, disposed of the Poterries club three seasons ago 3-0 on aggregate at the same stage.



Thomas replaces injured Norman

Thomas fills gap in Welsh squad

Martin Thomas, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, has been called up by Wales for next week's European Championship match against Finland in Helsinki. Thomas replaces Tony Norman, of Hull City, who has been struggling this season with Norman's Wales' third goalkeeping casualty: Neville Southall, of Everton, and Eddie Niedzwiecki, of Chelsea, are both recovering from long-term knee injuries.

Feeling the sting of Saltash

The club most affected by the 81 suspensions that have just been ditched out by the Cornish Football Association are blameless. And the double irony of Liskeard Athletic's plight in the Great Mills Western League is that Saltash, the club with the worst disciplinary record in the South West, may indirectly benefit from their rivals' handicap.

The longest bans, which start from tomorrow, rule out two players Liskeard signed from Saltash in the summer. Paul Chambers and Geoff Battams will miss a good part of their new club's championship challenge. Battams, a midfielder formerly with Plymouth Argyle and Yeovil, is out until November 30, a total of 91 days.

Referee incurs the wrath of Hay

David Hay, the Celtic manager, is to make a written protest to the Scottish FA about the referee's handling of Wednesday night's Skol Cup tie at Aberdeen. Although Celtic reached the semi-finals on a penalty shoot-out against the cup holders, he was incensed by a number of decisions.

'Rebel' tour tops hectic agenda for home unions

The Welsh Rugby Union's general committee met yesterday and the Rugby Football Union full committee meets today. Both must give some thought to next month's International Board meeting on amateurism, when the representatives of the four home unions will expect a full exposition from New Zealand of the Cavaliers' tour to South Africa.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford must give Fulham players back

Salford, who had signed two Fulham players, Steve Mills and Dave Bullough, will not now be allowed to use them as a result of a county club's rescue from liquidation.

RUGBY UNION

Liverpool slip lets in Londoners

Bryan Hamilton, a former Everton player, now manager of first division Leicester City, enjoyed the euphoria which accompanied his side's 2-1 victory over the League champions, Liverpool.

BOWLS

Line into last eight

As the McCarthy and Stone national mixed pairs championship, at the Bradford Borough club on September 20 and 21, moves into its second round, Peter Line and Tony Alcock find themselves in the quarter-finals.

Some acts are difficult to follow: that of octogenarian father figure Enzo Ferrari is impossible

Il Commendatore is still in command

Today, while Michele Alboreto and Stefan Johansson set about their task of qualifying for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix, their every action in the pit road, let alone on the race track, cheered wildly by Ferrari banner-waving enthusiasts lining the Monza circuit, the man responsible for all the euphoria will be sitting alone in his office 100 miles away, but far from out of touch.

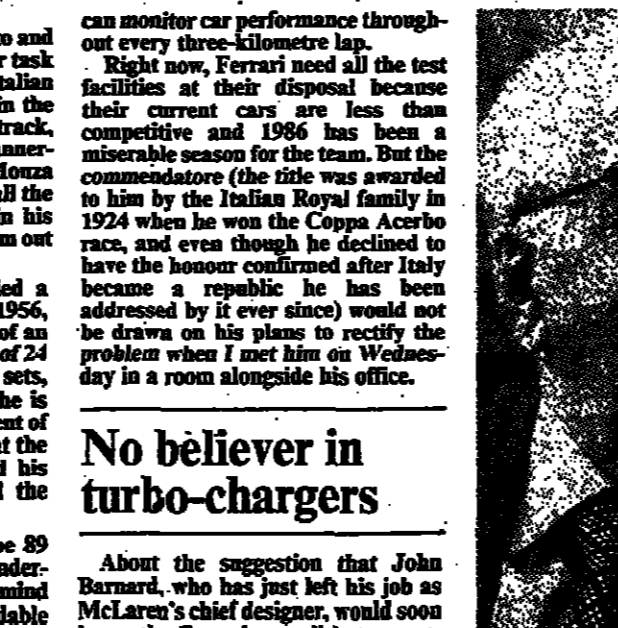
HOCKEY

Students boost England Under-21 trial

Three players who had to withdraw from the international tournament in West Germany, last June because of A-level examinations, are among the 28 players called up for the England Under-21 trials at Bedford tomorrow.

Racing is suffering from indigestion

And what of the crowded 16-race calendar? "You can die of starvation or indigestion. Now, grand prix racing is suffering badly from indigestion. But he is less worried about the prospect of some teams having to drop out through lack of finance. "Some of the best racing in the past has taken place with just four or five good teams," he recalls.



Enzo Ferrari: frail yet razor-sharp

Sharp makes team

Henry Sharp, from Leeds, is the only British player selected for the world amateur student rugby league team, against New Zealand at Auckland tomorrow, in the final game of the World Student Cup tournament.





